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Meet the 1983 Youth Socceroos. This picture of the full 22-man squad and officials was taken at a recent training camp in Sydney.

MEXICO BOUND KIDS

Australia's
World Youth
skipper,
Tommy
McCulloch



THE YOUNG SOCCEROO squad to contest the World Youth Finals in Mexico next month is the strongest national youth selection ever to represent Australia.

It has individual brilliance, complete organisation and understanding, depth and every position is covered fully.

Its all round strength is greater than the successful 1981 squad.

National coach Les Scheinflug has selected players at the peak of

By Tom Anderson

their form and ultra-capable of the job at hand.

There can be no argument of the selection of the three newcomers, Tony Dakos, Sydney Olympic, Joe Rizzotto, Marconi and Steve Glockner of Brisbane City.

These brilliant youngsters are starring in the NSL week after week and have won selection on merit.

One must sympathise with the players who were in the squad for the elimination rounds but failed

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Fabio Incantalupo, one of the few survivors from the 1981 Youth Socceroos who will travel to Mexico, seen in action against Cameroon at Newcastle in the last World Youth Championship.



EDITORIAL

DOES anybody want to watch Soccer in Australia in the month of November?

That's a question the Australian Soccer Federation should be asking right now.

As we all know, the ASF is going to stage an international tournament here in November.

The competing teams, apparently, will be Australia, Cameroon, Uruguay and one still to be named — probably Poland.

The tournament might produce some good, entertaining, Soccer. All four teams are capable of providing it.

But there must be grave doubts about the suitability of the timing.

November in Australia is a summer month. Soccer is not a summer game.

Australians, or the vast majority of them, turn their thoughts to cricket at that time of the year. Or maybe surfing. Possibly tennis.

It would be nice to think spectators will turn out in large numbers to watch international Soccer here in November.

You would have to be a supreme optimist to imagine this will happen.

Soccer in Australia, despite its relatively minor status, remains a most arrogant code. It imagines it can attract people to matches for almost 12 months in the year.

That is a misguided notion. To be honest, Soccer has a difficult enough task luring paying customers through the turnstiles even during the normal season. Out of season, the task is that much tougher.

If the competing nations included the likes of Brazil, Italy and Scotland, quite good crowds might briefly desert summer sports to attend Soccer in November.

Alas, in its choice of international teams, the ASF has again blundered.

Cameroon play nice football but they will not pull in fans in large numbers. Neither will Uruguay or Poland.

If the ASF could not lure teams like Brazil, every effort should have been made to bring national teams who will attract members of Australia's migrant communities.

For instance, Greece would be a far better choice than Uruguay, Cameroon or Poland.

Certainly, there are difficulties. I agree with the ASF's Peter Sheean when he says Australia is not the most attractive country in the world for Soccer-playing nations to visit.

There is no clamour to come here — no long queue of teams anxious to undertake the long journey and accept the comparatively low match fees offered.

That prospect may be attractive to Cameroon — but not to Greece or Argentina.

So one must sympathise with the ASF in its efforts to organise a tournament such as the one to take place next November.

At the same time, one must doubt the wisdom of staging the affair at all.

Even if the Australian Soccer Federation is, at the moment, quite flush with West-Nally money, or the promise of that money, nobody wants a financial disaster to emerge from the November matches.

It has happened before. For instance, teams are regularly brought to Australia in mid-summer and just as regularly, tour promoters are left licking their wounds due to poor public response.

Promoters seem surprised that they have not made a financial killing.

We recall one mid-summer day when Australia played the Soviet Union at Sydney Sports Ground.

The temperature was around 40 degrees celsius. The potential audience was in the obvious place... crowding Sydney's magnificent surf beaches. And the tour promoters, bitterly disappointed, vowed they'd stay out of Soccer for a very long time.

The warning to the ASF is clear. It should stage its big matches at a sensible time of the year. Mid-summer is nonsensical.

BODY BLOW FOR WOLLONGONG

WOLLONGONG CITY'S financial situation has become worse with news that Corrimal Leagues club will drastically reduce its annual \$35,000 grant.

By Phil Murphy

The licensed club has made sweeping cuts to all sports — with the Illawarra Steelers RL team also feeling the pinch.

Corrimal, along with other Illawarra clubs, have been granted the Steelers \$20,000 a year.

Five Illawarra Soccer clubs around the immediate area of the club will also have grants cut.

Club secretary Adrian Hogan says it is something the club had to do now rather than wait until the sporting bodies committed themselves to spending money they won't be getting.

He said it is unfortunate but is a fact of life, "People just aren't coming

to the club as they used to and our poker machine takings are dropping all the time," Hogan said.

Wollongong City chairman Laurie Kelly is over-seas for a month so couldn't comment but secretary John Vlietstra said the cut is a big blow to his club.

"We could be in real trouble without the full \$35,000 and I feel the only way out could be to sell two of our players," Vlietstra said.

"We are working on a shoestring budget now and crowds haven't been as good as last season."

Since their move from Wollongong Showground to Ziems Park, the NSL club has saved some money by not having to pay ground rental and it also has the benefit of running its own canteen.

It is a difficult pill for district clubs Corrimal, Fernhill, Bellambi, Russell Vale and Tarrawanna to swallow because they always frequent the club at weekends after the games.

The Leagues club is now regarded as the undisputed Soccer headquarters for Illawarra and Soccer people have done their bit to repay the club the best way they know how.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

By Peter Russell

IN A repeat of their top of the table clash of two weeks ago Sydney City travelled to Newcastle where they turned the tables on their title rivals in an exciting Youth League encounter

The Slickers opened the scoring against the run of play in the 20th minute when Grant Sargeant netted with a cross-cum-shot which floated into the net.

But Newcastle were soon back on terms when Ian Stewart netted for them in the 28th minute from a corner kick. Three minutes later they went further ahead through Robert Green after a free kick following the sending off of former Socceroo Kevin Mullen.

This appeared to act as a spur to the Slickers who came out in the second half and completely dominated the game. Graeme Fletcher and Grant Sargeant both finally scored.

At the Bruce Stadium on Saturday, A.I.S. entertained Sydney Olympic in a hard-fought duel resulting in a 2-2 draw.

Olympic opened the scoring against the run of

play when George Akoutas capitalised on some indecision in the A.I.S. defence to nip in and score in the 49th minute.

A.I.S. replied in the 61st minute from the penalty spot by Frank Farina after a foul on Darren White.

Olympic took the lead in the 70th minute with some excellent football while the A.I.S. players were appealing to the referee for a ball out of play. Arthur Sotiropoulos scored.

The Institute equalised

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SYDNEY CITY	7	4	1	2	20	13	
NEWCASTLE	7	4	1	2	13	13	
ST GEORGE	3	3	2	1	13	11	
A.I.S.	7	3	2	2	8	11	
MARCONI	7	2	4	1	12	10	
CANBERRA	7	3	0	4	16	9	
OLYMPIC	6	2	2	2	11	8	
WOLLONGONG	8	1	2	5	10	5	
LEIGHARDT	7	1	2	4	7	5	

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MEXICO BOUND

to make it to the finals.

But there is no place for sentiment when choosing a squad to contest a World Cup Final series.

This is football, and this is how it will always be.

A number of eyebrows have been raised at the omission of St George striker Robbie Slater.

Coach Scheinflug obviously took into consideration Slater's performances in Acapulco during the Joao Havelange International series last November.

The youngster had an

unhappy time in Mexico and was not even on the substitutes bench for the play-off for third place against Mexico when the Socceroos won 3-0.

GOALKEEPERS: Chris Hummel, Tony Franken.

DEFENDERS: Ralph Maier, Ray Vlietstra, Tony Dakos, Roy Jones, Joe Rizzotto, Paul Daley.

MIDFIELDERS: Tom McCulloch (Captain), Jim Patikas, Russell Stewart, Fabio Incantalupo, Steve Glockner.

STRIKERS: Frank Farina, Rod Brown, David Lowe, Rene Licata, Danny Wright.

NSL SEEKS DIVISIONS

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE National Soccer League is believed to have come down in favour of eastern and southern 12-team divisions for the 1984 season at its meeting at the Hakoah club in Sydney on Saturday.

However, all delegates were virtually sworn to secrecy by League chairman Sam Papasavas.

The aim is to dampen speculation while the matter is being handled by the State Federations and the Australian Soccer Federation.

The NSL wishes to have the entire matter examined and then placed before the League committee of the ASF on May 20.

This committee includes both ASF executive and NSL representatives in equal numbers and is structured to deal with such matters.

A number of alternatives, including three eight-team competitions, are understood to have been placed before the Council of Clubs.

This system does not allow for sufficient home games to merit support.

The NSL's main task is to reduce crippling travel costs while ensuring that there is as little dilution of playing standards as possible.

The decision for the proposed new divisions was not unanimous but all clubs undertook to support the final resolution.

The biggest problem is to build up the proposed southern division. Four Melbourne and two Adelaide clubs provide the present complement.

Apart from existing possible entrants, NSL chairman Papasavas went to Hobart last Wednesday to discuss the possibility of a Tasmanian entry.

There is often strong feeling between south and

north Tasmania but Hobart, with a 180,000 city and district population, is the logical starting point.

ASF Commercial Director, Peter Sheean, was strongly in favour of the NSL champions playing a two-legged challenge match against the winners of the North American Soccer League at the end of the season.

He believed that the US leg of the match, played at Giants Stadium, could yield profits for Australia of around \$50,000.

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DAVID LOWE IN ACTION.

SIMULCAST EUROPEAN FINALS

ETHNIC Radio Stations, 2EA (Sydney) and 3EA (Melbourne), of the Special Broadcasting Service, will present a simulcast commentary of the 1983 European Cup-Winners' Cup and the European Cup final with Channel 0-28.

On Thursday, May 12, at 4 am, 2EA and 3EA will provide commentary in Spanish for the Cup Winners' Cup Final from Gothenburg, Sweden, where Scotland's Aberdeen clash with Real Madrid, of Spain.

Channel 0-28 in Sydney and Melbourne will telecast the game live and commentary is in English.

On Thursday, May 24, at 4am, both 2EA and 3EA will provide commentary in Italian of the European Champions' Cup Final between Hamburg SV of Germany and Italy's star-studded Juventus.

This match will be played in Athens, and will be telecast live by Channel 0-28.

These simulcasts will enable Spanish and Italian viewers to watch Channel 0-28's telecasts, whilst listening to match commentary in their own language.

Special Broadcasting Service has provided the simulcast service for the



Tom Docherty
third consecutive year.

The telecast will be presented by Les Murray, and in the Sydney studio he will have as his guest, Sydney Olympic coach, Tommy Docherty.

Next Sunday night, May 15, Channel 0-28 will screen the NSL match between Sydney Olympic and St George, and the following Sunday, May 22, will show Preston v Sydney City in their MATCH OF THE DAY programme.

Both games are scheduled to begin at 10.30 pm.

AROK SLAMS NSW SQUAD

BY GREG RUSSELL

CARETAKER National coach Frank Arok said New South Wales could have fielded four better sides than the one which was outclassed 3-0 by Queensland at Perry Park last Sunday.

"The team was badly put together but that was nothing to do with the coach. There were too many players who were able to get out of the squad because of things like injuries," he said.

"They turned in a poor, even dreadful, performance."

NSW definitely looked disjointed and Queensland obviously had the advantage in that the team comprised eight Brisbane City players. The other four were from Lions.

From the outset, the home side tackled, ran and outshot the NSW team which went into the match with 10 full, or youth, internationals.

The NSW midfield of Peter Katholos, Paul Kay and Peter Stone never clicked and Queensland's Russell Stewart, who was outstanding, Frank Pimblett and Bobby Hamilton dictated the match.

There were few joys for NSW and apart from some skilful flashes from John Kosmina, only Dave Ratcliffe and Arno Bertogna could have walked from the field happy with their performances.

Ratcliffe's "handball", a

decision disputed by coach Johnny Watkiss and the NSW players, gave Stewart the opportunity to score from the spot.

Greg Woodhouse dived the correct way but Stewart's shot was far too powerful. Stewart, with his young Socceroo and Lions team-mate Danny Wright, were among Queensland's best — and obviously still on cloud nine after their selection in the final squad for Mexico.

One wonders had Watkiss selected players of the calibre of Patikas, McCulloch and Lowe whether the result would have been different.

The youngsters are obviously the players of the moment in Australian Soccer and they seem to attack their task with more enthusiasm than their older rivals.

That was definitely the case in Queensland's second goal when Wright raced on to a ball most had given up as Woodhouse's property.

The ball came from a free kick from Alan Ni-



Danny Wright, a goalscorer for Queensland against NSW.

ven that rocketed through the wall.

Woodhouse seemed to hesitate about coming off his line and the speedy

Wright raced in to score.

The game was over two minutes into the second half when Hamilton capitalised on the NSW

defence's inability to clear a Stewart cross and knocked the ball in from close range at his third attempt.

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6.00 pm:

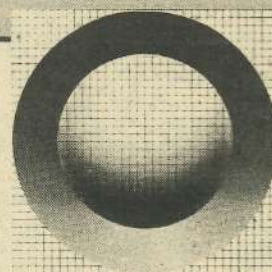
WORLD SOCCER — Edited highlights of the Cup-Winner's Cup Final played today. (repeated Saturday at 3.45pm).

Sunday, May 15, 10.45 pm:

NSL MATCH OF THE DAY — Sydney Olympic vs. St George

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Martyn Crook: bidding

Martyn Crook has started his bid to regain a place in the Socceroo squad after a recent knee injury.

The West Adelaide goalkeeper is back in training, but it is too early yet to say whether he has made a complete recovery.

"It feels OK but I will give it another week to find out if I'm going to break down," said Crook.

★

Adelaide City had planned to play Azzurri as a repeat of the S.A. Ampol Cup final (which Azzurri won) last Sunday, to fill in the blank NSL date.

However, when word got out, players' wives, girl friends and sisters rang officials to plead for no match as it was Mother's Day.

The girls won.

★

Canberra Arrows' sports' scholarship appointment Manis Lamond, from Queensland, seems to be paying off handsomely.

The 16-year-old striker has been a huge success in the National Youth League. Lamond is the League's highest goalscorer with a tally of seven.

★

Mickey Brennan, West Adelaide's strongman midfielder, has broken his nose again.

This time he collided with team-mate Robbie



Dunn during the match against Leichhardt.

Brennan had a close-season operation on his nose to assist his breathing after an earlier break.

One doctor has told him not to have it "mended" until he stops playing.

If he can breathe freely he may take the medic's advice.

★

Wollongong coach Willie Wallace must be praying that Peter Tredinnick



Peter Tredinnick: missed

will show up at training looking for a game with the City side.

If City are missing anything this season it is the fast breaks on the left by Tredinnick that were a feature of the team's performance over the previous two seasons.

The present Wollongong midfield is far too

predictable and static and any opposing coach would sum them up in a matter of minutes.

There is no spirit of adventure in the midfield and this leaves Phil O'Connor and Roy Cotton terribly exposed up front and certainly reduces their chances of getting goals.

★

Nelio Borges could be in Adelaide this week for a trial stint with City.

He has been on their shopping list since the start of the season, but nothing could be done until he returned from South America.

★

Continuing its policy of involving junior clubs in NSL match day presentations, Canberra Arrows' had the Downer-Olympic Under-9 team give a half-time exhibition game.

While that thrilled the youngsters — perhaps an even bigger thrill came when the lads met and talked with the Arrows' NSL players in the dressing room before the game. It was also a perfect way to break any pre-match tension.

★

Brisbane City's new striker Gary Bromfield has been quoted in southern capitals as an English import. Actually, he came to the club from the booming Queensland country Soccer centre of Bundaberg, where he played for Across the Waves.

★

Wollongong City players have had some invaluable midweek competitive practice by playing in the Balgownie floodlit competition. It has enabled Willie Wallace to keep the competitive spirit up amongst a number of his borderline first team players.

★

Chris Manou, transferred from Adelaide City to West, found a difference in tactics when he made his debut against Leichhardt.

"City work the ball from the back and it gives you more time to think," said Manou.

"At West, they use more long balls, and the midfield has to support the forwards more, so I had to do a lot more running."

Apart from being tired, the big all-rounder was pleased with the switch — and the goal he scored to make it 2-2, before Bill Amey got the winner from a penalty.

★

Jay O'Rourke was signed by Marconi to fill a defensive midfield role as the occasion arises. He was a free player and that is a huge advantage in these days of financial restriction.

★

Ian Purdie, formerly with Canberra Arrows and Portsmouth, signed for Bobby McLachlan's Footscray in time for last Sunday's Sydney Olympic game. However he needed to have his permanent residency papers through



Ian Purdie: residency

before he could play, so his appearance was put off until the next NSL game.

★

George McCulloch, proud father of Australia's Youth team captain Tom McCulloch, was an outstanding player with Pan Hellenic a few years ago.

Asked to compare today's stars with those of his time, George said: "These days, the players train four or even five nights a week — but we used to train only twice. They are no fitter now and they are not better players."

"So what do they do on the extra two or three nights?"

★

Some NSL clubs seem to regard Karel Rodny, the NSW State president, as the constant enemy. But he tried to do Leichhardt a good turn some time ago.

When Leichhardt



Karel Rodny: One vote

wanted to use their club name, APIA, in the National League, they were refused permission by the ASF executive. Only one executive member voted for the APIA name. Karel Rodny!

★

Gary Phillips and John Berne share an office at the TNT building at Mascot in Sydney — and that room hears plenty of football chit-chat.

Gary is Sydney Olympic's busy midfielder in



Gary Phillips: bruises

the National Soccer League and John plays first grade Rugby League for Cronulla.

We wonder if they compare bruises on Monday mornings.

★

Leichhardt hope to have a top-class European striker in its line-up within two weeks to end its goal famine.

Club president Nick Papallo has been negotiating with a topline goal grabber for the last two weeks and these negotiations are about to bear fruit.

★

Now that all the sensational stories about John Kosmina's reported transfer from Sydney City to Leichhardt have died down, it's worth mention-



John Kosmina: 'tapped'

ing that nobody was more upset about it all than Leichhardt coach Fil Bottalico.

Bottalico took the trouble to phone Sydney City coach Eddie Thomson to assure him that he certainly had not "tapped" Kosmina.

★

How about this generous praise of David Lowe, Australia's Youth team centre-forward. "He reminds me of Ken Dalglish." The comment came from Frank Arok, coach



Rale Rasic has a reputation for blaming referees, and others, when things go badly for his team. But after South Melbourne's shock 5-2 home defeat by KB, Rasic blamed nobody... apart from his off-form team.

"We're playing badly and we've gone to pieces," was Rale's sober summation.

He went on: "Every team has a bad trot — but you don't expect four defeats on the trot."

★

of St George, who added: "The boy is obviously a quality striker."

Mexico as long as the Young Socceroos are in the series.

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VISIT THE COAST MR RODNY

BY PHIL MURPHY

IT was interesting to hear NSW Federation president Karel Rodny's thoughts on the regionalisation of the NSL.

In a story featured in the Illawarra Mercury, Rodny said Fairy Meadow or Wollongong United had no chance of making such a league even if it did come into existence.

Mr Rodny should get along to one of the second division games in Wollongong and see what the crowds are like.

United, in particular, will outdraw 80 per cent of the present State League games with their strong Macedonian following.

When United meet Fairy Meadow this month, officials have booked a larger ground so they can get all the fans in.

"It will be the biggest gate of the season in Illawarra," said Fairy Meadow secretary Walter Chickman.

"And I'm including the Wollongong City NSL games."

The rivalry between these two teams is very strong on and off the field and two things are certain... a lot of money will change hands on the outcome and the Federation should make certain they appoint a top referee to the fixture.



Phil O'Connor: record?

Phil O'Connor must surely have set a record for the National League when he scored after 15 Seconds in the recent game against Sydney City.

It all happened so fast many spectators didn't see the goal.

Phil said after the game it came as a bit of a shock to him.

"I took the ball off Paul Kay from the kick-off went forward and my shot eventually trickled over

the line; it happened so quickly," he said.

O'Connor got another goal in the second half, sending a delicate chip over the head of goalkeeper Todd Clarke after full-back Peter Willis sent him clear with a well-placed through ball.

Thank goodness O'Connor and Ray Vlietstra played for the Wollongong side that day because the overall performance was very disappointing.

SCHEINFLUG'S PLEA UNHEEDED

says GREG RUSSELL

QUEENSLAND'S two National League coaches, Brisbane City's Jim Hermiston and Lions' Simon Kistemaker, have rejected Les Scheinflug's plea not to field youth squad players next weekend and are likely to select Russell Stewart, Danny Wright and Stephen Glockner for the local derby at Richlands on Sunday.

The two coaches called the plea unreasonable and vowed they would not "wrap the youth players in cotton wool."

Their attitude is in stark contrast from that of several other NSL coaches who, as early as two weeks ago, began resting their youth Soccerroo members.

But Hermiston and Kistemaker said they had to act in the best interests of their clubs and would ignore any criticism that might arise over their selection of the youth players.

Hermiston is very firm on the matter and is adamant if striker Glockner is fit and playing well enough, he will be in the Brisbane City team.

"It's an honour for someone to be selected for his country but a player should not forget his club. I will not wrap a player in cotton wool because he has been picked for Australia. If the youngsters can't take the knocks, they shouldn't be playing at the top level. But I am sure Stevie would want to play next weekend," Hermiston said.

Kistemaker said he had talked at length with Stewart and Wright prior to last week's Hobart training camp and claimed both were very keen about playing in the derby.

"Their first tournament game is not until June 2 so why should we not play them on May 15? It is an unbelievable request and one which would not be made anywhere else," Kistemaker said.

The attitude of the two

coaches is certain to anger Scheinflug who in an interview with a Queensland newspaper last week, particularly called on the Brisbane coaches not to risk the Queensland youngsters.

"I cannot afford to lose players I have worked with for the past 18 months. I hope they have the foresight and fortitude not to select any youth squad players," Scheinflug said.

But the plea looks to have fallen on deaf ears and the three Queenslanders will run the big risk of being injured in the derby, which, if past clashes are any indication,



Les Scheinflug: plea unheeded.

tion, will certainly be a tough affair.

The three Queenslanders are among a squad of 18 talented young Australians who will fly out for Mexico on Wednesday week. The squad will play two warm-up games in Costa Rica later this month before kicking off

the Championship against the host nation, Mexico, in the 100,000 capacity Azteca Stadium in Mexico City.

It would be tragic for the young players to be so close to that, and miss out.

READER'S LETTER

After reading the article in a Sunday paper (17/4), written by a well known Soccer writer, TV identity, and someone who should know more about Soccer than the little world of NSL that he eulogises every week, I was most upset and angry.

We are fed-up with reading and hearing nothing else but NSL, the same items in every paper, on the radio, TV and even in the weekly Soccer papers.

The world of Soccer in Australia does not revolve only around NSL, as some people would have everyone believe; the number of their spectators is limited and is not likely to increase until the migrant intake rises again. Take a serious look at the NSL clubs — they are nearly all ethnic-based. As they grow and have more money at their disposal, they cast aside the Australian/English players and promote their own nationality. The time is not too far away when it will be nationality versus nationality on the field as well as off.

I cannot believe this is good for Soccer in this country, nor a source of pride. Why should ALL the publicity be concentrated on these groups and hardly ever a mention of the State League? This is where the people are — the "true supporters" of the game. It is love of the game that keeps these clubs going. This is where the players come through the ranks. State League is made up of excellent coaches. Look at the calibre of the people involved. They are producing excellent players, great games of Soccer. Not only the first grade but in the second and thirds. This is where the talent for the future



PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

Roberto Vieri

BY STEVE BURNS

TO a generation of Italians he was "il professore" (the teacher); such were the skills that once made him the world's costliest and highest-paid player. Roberto Vieri still teaches — nowadays as player-coach to NSW State League side, Inter-Monaro.

He's still "il professore" his playing career hasn't lost the love of the game that has given him a living since he was 17.

With frank sincerity when asked why he had made Soccer his life, he replied: "It is every young boy's dream to excel at the sport he loves".

Like thousands of young Italian boys then — and now — Soccer was all-absorbing.

But the maestro tag, a two-footed menace near goal with fascinating ball skills, was the combined result of prodigious natural talent — and hours of sheer grafting effort.

The boy from Prato, near Florence, practiced long and hard.

Hundreds of junior school games and weekend games were played before Vieri made the first step on the ladder to the heights of Soccer. He signed for fourth division club, St Giorgio just before his 17th birthday.

And it was at St Giorgio that he first wore the jersey — No 10 — which became synonymous with Vieri throughout the rest of his career.

But the pinnacle of success did not come without a stepping stone process of club-swapping. First it was Florence to try but fail in his first division bid; then it was third division club, Prato, more valuable experience and improvement and then Sampdoria in the second division.

It was at Sampdoria that Vieri first came to national prominence when capped for Italy's Under-23 side.

will come from not the much-publicised Youth League and its poor excuse for a competition; most of those boys are disillusioned when they are dumped back on the market because of imports, etc., by the NSL.

The NSW State League teams (Auburn, Blacktown, Manly, Sutherland to name just a few) are true district teams and encourage ANY child from that area to join their club — it is certainly not the Aussies who draw the line of distinction between nationalities.

In 1966, came the event that made Vieri a household name in Italy — and world Soccer.

Top club Juventus wanted him. To get him they let Sampdoria have great midfielder Benetti and another 400 million lire besides. Or in other words a combined deal worth 750 million lire.

In today's terms Monaro's Venetian-born president, Laurie Pastrello, says that made it Soccer's first genuine million dollar deal.

"It made him the costliest and the highest-paid player," he said.

Vieri was not yet 23 years of age.

What did it all mean? Through Pastrello, who acted as interpreter, Vieri said whatever he wanted was his for the asking.

"The owner of Fiat — who controlled Juventus — just asked me what I wanted," Vieri said "The world was at my feet."

On numerous occasions he wore Italy's colours yet, asked what was his most outstanding memory, he said:

"Beating the mighty Dutch team, Ajax, in Rome before a 50,000-plus crowd. I scored both goals."

"Ajax had a great side — including the legendary Johann Cruyff."

After Juventus came Roma and Bologna and 250 League games.

"I just don't know how many. I never counted," said Vieri.

Then, finally, it was Australia, thanks to inter-club connections between Marconi and Bologna — then controlled by Rosso Antico owner, Count Buton. Marconi's



sponsors were Rosso Antico.

at marconi, Vieri, the quiet, cultured man of football did well — if not spectacularly.

"I play the game with my head," he said. "I think Australians play the British kick-and-rush style."

"It's not as skilful. A player must have skill."

And what did this man of vast experience think of Australian Soccer?

"Good, lots of young players with great talent," he said. "But it has a long way to go."

"It has to become more professional and it must not stop its best youngsters going overseas. They have to improve and prove themselves."

And what did he most look for in a player?

"Intelligence," he said. "A player who thinks about what he does."

"And character. That shows in how he plays."

Teaching — or coaching?

"That brings its reward — great reward," he said as he hugged his youngest son, Massimo, prompting Pastrello to comment: "He's going to be another Roberto Vieri".

Greying at the temples and reflective, calm and quiet, Vieri now 37 offered the advice one often hears.

"A team must do the simple things well. That's what counts."

"Football is a team game. One must never forget that."

"It is like a mosaic — every piece should fit together — perfectly."

and overseas articles that have already been published in other pages.

Someone like John Watkiss with all his knowledge and vast experience could make a very interesting contribution to a column that would be of interest to the people belonging to the district teams.

State League is a sleeping giant — it is time to awake and make its presence felt before we are swalled up in a "multi-national" takeover bid.

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AROUND NEW SOUTH WALES

Sutherland carpet the Eagles

Sutherland, playing constructive attacking soccer, pulled the rug from under a woeful Melita Eagles side at Melita Stadium.

From the moment Sutherland scored in the third minute they dominated the usually strong Melita backline and thoroughly deserved their 2-1 victory.

With all the enthusiasm they could muster, the Sharks made full use of Melita's weak right hand flank.

Shane Clinch, who, according to Sutherland fans and officials should have been on the plane to Mexico, had a superb game.

Twice Clinch toyed with Bob McPherson to set up Rogers with both goals in the 3rd and 83rd minutes.

Although Rogers and Clinch stood out for Sutherland it would be unfair not to praise the entire team.

There was not much to be said about Melita.

If there was an excuse it could rest with the fact that the one week lay-off affected their usually high standard of play.

Except for Daley, McGinn and Cross the rest were like robots.

Melita's consolation goal came in the 84th minute when Farrugia pounced on to a loose ball inside the area and slotted it past Haynes.

MELITA: A. McPherson, R. McPherson, Cross, Daley, McGinn, McAusland (Martinez 73), Duarte, Jamieson, Allan, Farrugia, McKie.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes, Cashman, Watkins, Sharfegger, Dal Forno, Meades, Harrington, Webber (Terry 80), Clinch, Groome, Rogers.

GOALS: Sutherland (Rogers 2, 83), Melita (Farrugia 84).

Croatia scored their best win of the season when they beat Bankstown 5-1 in a deferred game played at Melita Stadium last Friday night.

Early into the game Rezo and Holloway combined af-

By Andrew Paschalidis

ter a defensive mixup in the area and Rezo made no mistake.

Croatia played a controlled style in attack and this forced Bankstown into a defensive style of play.

Straight after the break a communication breakdown in the Bankstown defence allowed Arnold to sneak through and slot the ball past Giffin.

Minutes later Savor made it 3-0 after he headed a cross from the left flank into goal. Gilligan pegged one back for Bankstown after he skilfully dribbled the ball past Sterrey and drove it past the advancing Watson.

Croatia went further ahead when Holloway scored the first of a double after he latched onto an awkward bouncing ball and crashed it home. Minutes later he swooped onto a low cross from the left flank and knocked it in to make it 5-1.

Croatia were well served by Sterrey, Savor and Holloway.

Giffin had a fine game in goal for Bankstown, despite the scoreline. Bourke and Parker combined strongly in the midfield and Gilligan played well despite the limited chances available to him.

CROATIA: Watson, A. Kovacic, Tomasic, Woods (Davis 77), Sterrey, Vidaic, Rezo (Carrizo 54), Savor, Arnold, M. Kovacic, Holloway.

BANKSTOWN: Giffin, Kennedy (Rootsey 78), Agostino, Beck, Blackburn, Hatton, Bourke, Parker, York, O'Neill (Brown 60), Gilligan.

GOALS: Croatia (Rezo 17, Arnold 46, Savor 56, Holloway 65, 67), Bankstown (Gilligan 57).

Blacktown made heavy weather of their game against Yugal in their 2-1 victory at Fraser Park.

McLachlan put the Demons ahead after he brilliantly chested the ball down, dribbled across the penalty area and cracked it

continued his fine run of form this year.

McIntosh was a constant threat to the Demons in front of goal and captain-coach Mihaljovic played with determination.

BLACKTOWN: Freeman, Brogan, Rasmussen, Turnbull (Sent off 65), Pointer, Selva, Davies, Stoddart, Walker (O'Shana 81), McLachlan, Kirwan (Quarmby 67).

YUGAL: Berry, Turkoglu, Rendell, McIntosh, Clarke, Babian, Mihaljovic, Forrester, Baumgartner (Karacan 45), Rokodera, Tanoski.

GOALS: Blacktown (McLachlan 20, Selva 48), Yugal (McIntosh 88).

Inter-Monaro climbed further up the ladder after they defeated Bankstown 3-2 at the Soccer Centre.

Bankstown were obviously feeling the effects of playing two games in three days.

Bankstown took an early lead after Gilligan headed the ball down inside the area and the ever alert Bourke was there to drive it into goal.

In the 21st minute Bourke laid the ball on for O'Neill, but his attempt at goal was just wide. Minutes later Rootsey made a fine



Paul Burrows continued his fine early season form.

home. The remainder of the half was keenly contested by both sides with no clear cut opportunities arising.

In the 48th minute Blacktown when two-up when Selva crossed the ball from 30 metres out and it surprisingly found the inside of the post.

Moments later Rokodera had the best opportunity to score for Yugal. A defensive mixup found him clear in front of goal and his attempt went wide.

Minutes later a cracking free-kick from Yugal's McIntosh was brilliantly saved by Freeman.

McIntosh again tested Freeman, but to no avail. However, McIntosh was finally rewarded when he headed a Babian cross into goal.

Several players stood out for Blacktown including Davies, who had a promising debut, Freeman, who was always on the alert in goal and McLachlan, who

run from the half-way line and beat two defenders only to see his attempt blocked.

Wilcox levelled the scores when he converted a penalty for Monaro after Rootsey apparently handled the ball inside the area.

Minutes later, Reis put Monaro ahead 2-1 after he brilliantly smashed a 40 yard cracker into the top corner of the goal.

Monaro led 3-1 when Reis scored again soon after from a breakaway after running onto a through ball from the half-way line.

Bankstown pulled one back in the 89th minute after Blackburn hammered the ball into the roof of the net.

Bourke and Beck played solidly for Bankstown.

Santolin held the Monaro defence together with great skill and direction.

Vieri displayed flashes of brilliance when he came on in the second half while there was little doubt that

Reis was player-of-the-match.

INTER-MONARO: C. uric, Leith, Domazetovich, Santolin, Francis, Wilcox, Monterosso, Popovic (Vieri 45), Godzik (Arispan 56), Arquero, Reis.

BANKSTOWN: Giffin, Rootsey, Agostino, O'Neill, Beck, Blackburn, Bourke, Sirett (Hasnic 62), Parker (Brown 71), Silines, Gilligan.

GOALS: Monaro (Wilcox 38, Reis 43, 75), Bankstown (Bourke 21, Blackburn 89).

Polonia are still chasing their elusive victory following a 4-nil drubbing at the hands of a strong Avala side.

In the 13th minute Muniz put Avala ahead after scoring from the penalty spot.

Avala went two-up following a strong build-up on the right hand flank. Deller brilliantly volleyed the ensuing cross into goal.

Three minutes later Burrows made it 3-0 after he eluded the offside trap and delicately chipped the 'keeper.

By this time Polonia must have felt the effects of not playing any Soccer in the last three weeks.

In the 77th minute the issue was put beyond doubt when Fonyana drove the ball against the upright and the substitute Mahamah was there to slot it home.

Muniz and Burrows were always creative for Avala

and Ahrens was always safe in goal.

Tracey, the new signing from the defunct Riverwood, had a promising debut for Polonia and Kowalczyk was the only other player to shine.

AVALA: Ahrens, Brown, Deller, Barton, Lembryk, Yousuph (Fernandez 85), Hosseini, Muniz, Tilt (Mahamah 70), Burrows, Fontana.

POLONIA: Greenfield, I. Garlowski, Geekie, Grossas, Galas, Tracey, Ortega, Z. Garlowski, Kowalczyk, Thomas, Smith (Czelisk 45).

GOALS: Avala (Muniz 13, Deller 19, Burrows 21, Mahamah 77).

Croatia made heavy weather of beating Auburn and they only sealed the game in the last 20 minutes.

Auburn led 1-0 at the break after they scored in the 5th minute when a throw-in from Lunt found Kelly, who turned on the ball and he drove it into the goal.

Auburn refused to buckle under the Croatia pressure and they relied heavily on solid defensive play and quick counter-attacks.

They were rewarded after Kinsey put the ball through for Townsend, who set up the goal for Allan.

That goal shook up Croatia and, in the 73rd minute, good lead-up work

by the midfield resulted in Carrizo scoring.

Marijan Kovacic balanced the books when Wally Savor was brought down in the box and Croatia was awarded a penalty. Kovacic made no mistake with his spot kick.

Croatia took the lead when Carrizo crossed to Savor from a free-kick and he headed into the goals.

Seconds before the bell Davis latched onto a Lee Sterry pass and brilliantly beat two defenders to make the final scoreline 4-2.

Best performers for Auburn were Dale, Bowman and Kelly, while Tomasic, Vidaic, Savor and Carrizo excelled for Croatia.

CROATIA: Ellis, A. Kovacic (Carrizo 45), Tomasic, Woods, Sterrey, Vidaic, Savor, Arnold, Rezo, M. Kovacic, Holloway (Davis 60).

AUBURN: Bowman, Kelly (Bobinac 82), Prgomelja, Quigley, Dale, Lunt, Kinsey (Kilkelly 75), Townson, Allan, Carney, McKendrick.

GOALS: Croatia (Carrizo 73, M. Kovacic 75, Savor 84, Davis 88).



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DIVISION 1

Round 10 — Saturday, May 14

Manly Warringah v Bankstown Cromer Park
Sunday, May 15

Auburn v Polonia Mona Park

Avala v S.S.C. Yugal Knight Park

Blacktown City v Cant-M'ville Gabbie Stadium

Ku-Ring-Gai v Melita Eagles Parklands Oval

Sutherland Shire v Croatia Sydney Seymour Shaw Park

DIVISION 2

Round 10 — Saturday, May 14

Rockdale v Fairy Meadow Hurstville Oval

Artarmon v Revesby Workers Artarmon Reserve

Uni. of NSW v North Bankstown Little Bay Oval

Sunday, May 15

Belmore v Dee Why Blick Oval

Wollongong Utd v Blacktown United Berkeley Sports Grd.

Warringah N'been v Parramatta City N'been Fitness Camp

Gladesville Ravens v Penrith United Peel Park

DIVISION 1

Round 11 — Saturday, May 21

Bankstown v Blacktown City Soccer Centre

Ku-Ring-Gai v Inter-Monaro Parklands Oval

Sunday, May 22

Polonia v Sutherland Shire Chopin Park

S.S.C. Yugal v Auburn Fraser Park

Cant-M'ville Oly. v Avala Arlington Oval

Melita Eagles v Croatia Sydney Melita Stadium

DIVISION 2

Round 11 — Saturday, May 21

Blacktown United v Belmore Francis Park

Fairy Meadow v Wollongong United Police Boys Ground

Revesby Workers v Warringah N'been Jensen Oval

Uni. of N.S.W. v Artarmon Little Bay Oval

Sunday, May 22

Dee Why v Gladesville Ravens Graham Reserve

Parramatta City v Rockdale Garside Park

North Bankstown v Penrith United Potts Park

NSW STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 1 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia*	7	8	1	0	16	4	13
Blacktown*	8	6	0	2	18	7	12
Melita	8	5	1	2	13	5	11
Sutherland*	8	5	1	2	14	8	11
Inter-Monaro	9	4	2	3	15	11	10
Manly*	7	4	1	2	13	11	9
Avala	9	3	3	3	10	11	9
Ku-Ring-Gai*	7	2	3	2	10	10	7
Yugal	8	2	2	4	8	12	6
Cant-M'ville	8	2	1	5	8	15	5
Bankstown*	8	1	2	5	10	19	4
Polonia*	6	0	3	3	7	16	3
Auburn*	7	0	0	7	6	21	0

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Blacktown*	8	7	1	0	23	7	15
Sutherland	8	6	0	2	21	7	12
Melita	8	5	2	1	28	15	12
Bankstown*	7	5	2	0	17	7	12
Manly*	8	5	0	3	23	11	9
Ku-Ring-Gai*	6	4	1	1	15	3	9
Croatia*	7	3	2	2	12	12	8
Cant-M'ville	8	3	1	4	13	18	7
Auburn*	7	2	0	5	10	18	4
Avala	9	1	2	6	14	25	4
Yugal	8	2	0	6	7	31	4
Polonia*	7	0	2	5	5	18	2
Inter-Monaro	9	0	1	8	7	25	1

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cant-M'ville	7	5	0	2	22	8	10
Sutherland	8	4	1	3	23	9	9
Manly	8	3	3	2	10	9	9
Melita	7	3	2	2	15	10	9
Blacktown*	6	4	0	2	6	8	8
Polonia*	5	2	3	0	11	8	7
Croatia*	6	2	2	2	9	17	6
Auburn*	6	2	1	3	8	10	5
Ku-Ring-Gai*	5	1	1	3	9	10	3
Bankstown*	8	1	1	6	7	21	3
Avala	7	0	0	7	4	28	0
Yugal							

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Fairy Meadow*	8	6	1	1	15	8	13
W'gong Utd	9	5	2	2	16	7	12
Gladesville*	7	6	0	1	16	9	12
Rockdale*	8	5	1	2	18	11	11
Artarmon*	8	5	0	3	19	9	10
Warr-N'been*	7	4	2	1	14	6	10
Penrith Utd	9	3	4	2	15	10	10
Rev Workers*	7	2	4	1	14	9	8
Dee Why	9	3	2	4	14	20	8
Nth Bankstown*	7	2	1	4	13	11	5
Parra City	9	0	4	5	6	19	4
Blacktown Utd*	7	1	1	5	5	8	3
Uni of NSW*	8	0	3	5	6	15	3
Belmore*	7	0	1	6	2	29	1

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
W'gong Utd	9	7	0	2	26	18	14
Parra City	9	5	2	2	15	15	12
Gladesville*	7	4	3	0	22	4	11
Penrith Utd	9	5	1	3	21	9	11
Fairy Meadow*	8	4	3	1	21	15	11
Rev Workers*	7	5	0	2	21	7	10
Warr-N'been*	7	2	4	1	8	6	8
Rockdale*	8	2	1	5	21	19	7
Artarmon*	8	3	1	4	15	17	7
Nth Bankstown*	7	2	2	3	10	16	6
Dee Why	9	2	1	6	8	17	5

Uni of NSW	9	2	1	6	7	25	5
Blacktown Utd*	7	2	0	5	10	16	4
Belmore*	8	1	1	6	10	25	3

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Penrith Utd*	8	7	1	0	29	8	15
Fairy Meadow*	8	7	0	1	38	11	14
Dee Why	9	5	2	2	19	12	12
Uni of NSW	9	3	3	3	8	13	9
Gladesville*	7	2	4	1	16	13	8
Blacktown Utd*	7	3	2	2	13	13	8
Rockdale*	8	3	2	3	10	12	8
Parra City	9	4	0	5	12	17	8
Warr-N'been*	7	3	1	4	15	15	7
Nth Bankstown*	7	3	0	4	13	16	6
Artarmon*	8	2	2	4	15	22	6
W'gong Utd*	8	1	3	4	10	18	5
Belmore*	8	2	0	6	10	16	4
Rev Workers*	7	0	0	7	4	28	0

DIVISION 3 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bathurst '75*	5	4	1	0	9	1	9
Nth Ryde	6	4	1	1	12	6	9
C'town City	6	3	2	1	15	8	8
Queens Park ES*	5	3	1	1	9	5	7
Mt Druitt Twn*	5	2	2	1	6	6	6
L'pool Albion*	5	1	3	1	7	5	5
Gladesville Hby*	5	2	1	2	6	7	5
Kingsford*	4	2	1	1	8	10	5
Bondi Marine*	5	1	1	3	10	6	3
Lane Cove Utd	6	1	1	4	9	17	3
CSI*	5	1	0	4	4	10	2
B'kham Hills*	5	0	0	5	17	0	

DIVISION 3 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
C'town City	6	5	0	1	16	7	10
Mt Druitt Twn*	5	4	0	1	13	5	8
L'pool Albion*	5	3	1	1	8	4	7
Nth Ryde	6	3	1	2	11	13	7
Bondi Marine*	5	2	2	1	12	6	6
CSI*	5	2	1	2	7	6	5
B'kham Hills*	5	1	2	2	9	12	4
Queens Park ES*	5	1	1	3	7	9	3
Lane Cove	6	1	1	4	10	13	3
Bathurst '75*	5	1	1	3	5	11	3
Gladesville Hby*	5	1	1	2	4	13	3
Kingsford*	4	1	1	2	4	13	3

DIVISION 3 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
C'town City	6	5	0	1	21	7	10
Gladesville Hby*	5	5	0	0	14	1	10
Baulkham Hills*	5	4	1	0	14	2	9
Queens Park ES*	5	3	0	2	13	6	6
CSI*	5	3	0	2	14	13	6
Mt Druitt Twn*	5	2	1	2	10	10	5
L'pool Albion*	5	2	0	3	14	7	4
Nth Ryde	6	1	1	4	15	17	3
Kingsford*	4	1	1	2	5	9	3
Bondi Marine*	5	1	1	3	9	15	3
Bathurst '75*	5	0	2	3	6	12	2
Lane Cove Utd	6	0	1	5	4	40	1

Manly defeated Canterbury 0-2 at Arlington Oval, despite Canterbury's most tenacious efforts and monopoly of possession.

Canterbury rifled in no fewer than seven shots on target, while Manly had only three. Yet out of

OLYMPIC-SAINTS CROWD PLEASER

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

NEXT SUNDAY at Pratten Park, Sydney Olympic take on their favourite foe, St. George in Round 10 of the NSL.

President of Sydney Olympic, Jimmy Petinellis told us this week: "We will be there to play our game."

"Sure we lost our last home match against Footscray, but that happens in Soccer you know. Look at Liverpool."

Petinellis continued: "St George are an excellent, entertaining side, don't worry about that. We will see a great match. Whenever these two clubs meet, it is always a great exhibition of good, clean Soccer."

"Frank Arok has a good team and always puts on a good show to entertain the people," Petinellis concluded.

Meanwhile, Saints manager-coach, Frank Arok, told us: "I feel this will be the match of the season so far. The winner of this game will finish strongly at the halfway mark in the NSL."

"St George know Sydney Olympic lift their game against us; both clubs play open entertaining stuff to please the

paying customer.

"Sydney Olympic are much stronger than their position on the ladder indicates. Believe me."

"These two teams are the most attractive to watch when they play each other," Arok added.

Sydney Olympic will be without their skipper, Peter Raskopoulos who is out with an injured ankle.

Olympic will also be without their star World Youth team members, Jimmy Patikas and Tony Dakos, as they prepare to board their Qantas aircraft tomorrow week (Wednesday 18th) for Mexico for the World Youth Championships.

St George will have the added advantage of having the services of their young dynamic right-striker, Robbie Slater, who must be considered unlucky to miss the Australian Youth squad for Mexico.

The clash between Slater and Olympic's full-back, Martyn Rogers, could be a highlight of the match.

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WEEKEND RESULTS

1ST DIVISION

	I	II	III
Bankstown v Croatia Sydney	1-5	2-1	
Melita Eagles v Sutherland Shire	1-2	1-3	2-1
Polonia v Avala	0-4	2-2	1-0
SSC Yugal v Blacktown City	1-2	1-2	2-5
Cant-M'ville Oly v Manly Warringah	0-2	0-6	1-0
Bankstown v Inter Monaro	2-3	2-0	
Croatia Sydney v Auburn	4-2	3-0	2-2

2ND DIVISION

	I	II	III
Revesby Workers v Uni of NSW	2-2	6-1	0-1
Penrith Utd v Belmore	7-0	6-0	3-0
Dee Why v Wollongong Utd	0-3	2-3	4-0
Blacktown Utd v Rockdale	0-1	5-2	3-2
Fairy Meadow v Warringah N'been	0-1	1-1	4-1
Parramatta City v Artarmon	0-5	2-0	2-4
North Bankstown v Gladesville Ravens	1-2	0-6	2-5

3RD DIVISION

	I	II	III
Lane Cove Utd v North Ryde	0-5	1-3	0-10
Bathurst '75 v Bondi Marine	1-0	1-2	2-2
Gladesville Hby v Queens Park E/S	0-3	2-1	1-0
Mt Druitt Twn v Baulkham Hills	1-0	4-0	1-1
Kingsford v Campbelltown City	1-5	3-2	1-2
Liverpool Albion v C.S.I.	3-0	1-0	0-2

INTER URBAN - 1ST DIVISION

	I	II	III
Concordia v Hurstville-Zagreb	0-1	1-1	
King Tomislav v Sydney Uni	1-1	0-3	
Fairfield West v Maroubra United	1-3	1-2	
Wentley Waratahs v Eastern Creek	0-2	1-7	
Spanish Club v Nineveh Eagles	2-0	2-3	
Port Hacking v Fairfield Kiev	1-1	7-0	

INTER URBAN - 2ND DIVISION

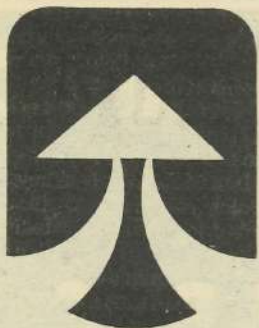
	I	II	III
West St. George v C'town Gun	0-1	1-2	
Pagewood v Chelsea	0-2	1-3	
Padstow Park v Chile Sports	3-1	3-1	
Eastwood S/A v Tras. Sports	2-0	5-0	
West United v Moorebank	0-1	1-2	

INTER URBAN - 3RD DIVISION

	I	II	III
Ryde District v Macquarie Uni	0-1	1-1	
Robins v Blacktown Wands	1-0	5-0	
Haberfield B/D's v Hawkesbury Dist	2-2	0-2	
Green Valley Utd v Smithfield Hotspurs	2-2	4-1	
Macarthur United v Revesby Rovers	6-1	7-1	

INTER URBAN - 4TH DIVISION

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RISING STAR

EDDIE TESORO

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

ALTHOUGH Melita Eagles have one of the strongest midfield combinations in the NSW State League, many of their budding second grade players are knocking on the door of first grade selection.

Among these rising stars is skilful midfielder Eddie Tesoro.

The 21-year-old has experienced the fortunes of the NSW Youth League, National Youth League and competitive Soccer in Italy.

Another fine product of the Canterbury District, Eddie played in the Earlwood side which won the NSW U13 Champion of Champions and boasted in their team such talented players as Peter Raskopoulos (Sydney Olympic, NSW, Australia), Ross Tizzone (Leichhardt, Cant-Mville) and Gordon Kean (Yugal, Australian Indoor Soccer representative).

In 1978 Eddie was graded at Sydney City and



started the season in third grade. During the latter part of the season he was promoted to second grade after some impressive performances.

Midway through the 1979 competition Gerry Chaldi, then coach of the first grade side, was interested in calling him up to the senior squad. Eddie had to decline as he was off to Italy for a holiday with his mother.

Whilst overseas he made the most of his holiday and trained with the prominent second division side from Sicily, Palermo.

Palermo were quick to get in touch with Eddie after he arrived back in Australia and offered him a contract to play in their youth side.



MELITA EAGLES SOCCER CLUB LTD

Needless to say, he took this opportunity with open arms and returned to Italy where he spent the entire 1980 season with Palermo, a club which, in previous years, boasted names like Causio and Bennetti among their players.

Eddie relished playing in front of crowds of between 10,000 and 20,000 and a big future was tipped for him.

This was not to be. Like most players who try their luck overseas he started feeling homesick and wasn't prepared to spend two years in the military service in Italy.

He returned to Australia and was reunited with Syd-

ney City where he spent two resourceful seasons in the strong youth side.

But, like Grant Lee and Brett Woods, he soon realised it was near to impossible to win selection in the record breaking first team, so he parted company with the club at the end of last season.

At the start of this season he was graded at Melita and reunited with Dennis Hoggart (assistant first grade coach) and the popular first grade coach Raul Blanco. Hoggart and Blanco had spent time with the Slickers during Eddie's stay at the club.

Eddie is now playing in Melita's unbeaten second grade side and has come on in first grade as a replacement.

The future looks bright for this young, talented player. Although he is currently playing an attacking midfielder's role, he has the potential to play up front if the need arises.

Whatever the future, Eddie Tesoro is on the threshold of acceptance in first grade and can happily look forward to unlimited success in coming seasons.

DALGLISH PLAYER OF YEAR



Ken Dalglish

LIVERPOOL's Scottish international Kenny Dalglish has been voted "Footballer of the Year" in England for the second time.

Dalglish is only the fourth player in the his-

tory of the award... going back to 1947... to win the much-prized statuette on two occasions.

He joins all-time "greats" in Stan Matthews, Tom Finney and Danny Blanchflower as a double winner of the trophy which is presented on voting by the Football Writers' Association.

It was almost a clean sweep for the Liverpool

club, which filled three of the first four places in the voting.

Bryan Robson of Manchester United was runner-up, followed by Graeme Souness and Ian Rush, third and fourth.

Dalglish will interrupt a Liverpool tour of Israel to fly back to London to receive his award at the annual dinner of the FWA.

ILLAWARRA JOTTINGS

ILLAWARRA officials didn't make a very good job of keeping the identity of their new representative coach quiet.

He was selected last week but the name wasn't released to the local media until six days later.

In the meantime, district officials wrote to all clubs telling them which players from each club had been selected in the squad.

The players were requested to attend training under this particular coach the following week at Towradgi Park.

Naturally it didn't take long for the word to get around and everyone knew David Naylor had the job before the committee got around to making the final decision.

Naylor was a surprise choice ahead of Shellharbour player-coach John Bingham who had the job last season.

Naylor is playing with Shoalhaven City this season after being player-coach with that club last year.

Bingham said he was disappointed to miss out. The other unsuccessful applicants were Vasco Sekuloski (Cringila) and Fernhill coach Daryl Glover, who will coach the Illawarra Youth team.

Illawarra will play matches against Canberra at Memorial Park on the Monday of the Queen's Birthday weekend in June.

Fairy Meadow are the early pace-setters in the Federation second division and the players are on good incentive payments.

For their 3-2 win over University, they earned \$70 a player and that amount goes up \$5 with each win.

Jack Morlando was a bit worried when he was replaced with a groin injury against Uni. He thought he would only get \$35 in his pay packet but he was paid for the full game.

He can't figure out why team-mates are calling him "Arfa"... but it probably has something to do with the time he spends on the bench.

Good news for Warilla Wanderers is that dynamic striker Barry Robinson is back leading the team's attack.

Robinson's goalscoring was a big factor in Warilla's promotion to premier league this season but he missed most of the pre-season games with a neck injury.

He made his presence felt in his comeback game, laying on two goals after coming on at half-time in Warilla's 4-2 win over Bulli.

With that 45 minutes under his belt, he came out two days later and scored a hat-trick in Warilla's 5-1 success over Woonona in the Bampton Cup.

He certainly has sent out a message to other premier league teams — "I'm back in action and greedy for goals — so watch out."

Warilla are proving an exciting team to watch in

their premier league campaign and many people are tipping them to win the league first-up.

If Robinson can maintain his best form it could be just a matter of how far, but their main obstacle is obviously West-Figtree.

Figtree coach Luke Robaard wasn't impressed when he heard only two of his players made the Illawarra representative squad.

Ian Lewis and Larry Beringer were selected but Robaard said he has other players who should have been in.

"I don't suppose I can complain really because we only had David Green selected last season and this is a 100 percent increase," he said.

The first round of the Bert Bampton Cup provided one real shock — Tarrawanna's 4-2 win over title contenders Coniston.

After failing to score in the first three games of the premiership, the Tarrawanna players found cup-tie football to their liking.

The score was 2-2 after 90 minutes and Tarrawanna made sure of a place in the second round by grabbing two goals in extra-time.

Shellharbour had things a little easier, thrashing Unanderra 10-0 with striker Barney King getting plenty of shooting practice with five goals.



Eddie Tesoro in his Slicker days.

NSW STATE COACH WANTED

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In the ecumenical spirit, coaches from Canberra's three national sporting teams get together at a Canberra Arrows' VIP luncheon club meeting. Left to right Cannons National Basketball coach, Bob Turner, Arrows' George Murray and Rugby League's Canberra Raiders' coach, Don Furner. Picture courtesy of Vladimir Stojanovic.

THREE COACHES THINK ALIKE

BY STEVE BURNS

CANBERRA'S three top sporting coaches agree on many things — but one strongly. A coach must have unfettered reins in team selection.

This came across positively at Canberra Arrows' last VIP luncheon when in the ecumenical spirit guest speakers were Soccer's George Murray, Rugby League's Don Furner (Canberra Raiders) and National Basketball League's Bob Turner (Canberra Cannons).

They said that while the three codes had distinctive skills, there were certain aspects of being a professional coach that were common to all three sports:

- Personal experience in the particular sport.
- An attitude towards success that manifests itself in those you are coaching.
- Being respected by your players.
- Having the suitable raw material to work with.
- And having players that have pride in their own performance.

To a question about the transition from player to coach, which all three has done, Cannons' Bob Turner said: "Just because you're a great player doesn't make you an equally great coach. Quite often it's the guy who sits on the bench getting splinters in his butt, week after week, who listens to, and watches, his coach in action, that makes the more successful coach."

George Murray agrees. "How do you really impart genius anyway? Players like George Best and Pele don't always know why they move in a certain way, or how they executed a turn or score a goal. It's something that comes naturally — more so than talking about it."

On the subject of team

selection all three were very 'single-minded' in their viewpoint. "If it's my livelihood at stake and the welfare of my family at risk as a full time Soccer coach, I'd like to know that I've got nobody to blame but myself, if things aren't going well."

In a previous coaching position offered to Don Furner, he was told that there was a five-man selection panel to choose the team.

Furner promptly told them that this "wasn't on." Being so close to signing him, they offered a compromise and suggested a two-man selection system, instead and Furner's reply, "that's fine, providing the other one's a yes man!"

He further went on to say that a coach must be involved from the beginning in player negotiations. "The player must know that it's the coach that wants him in the side, not the Board of Directors or the supporters."

While both the Cannons and the Raiders are currently riding the crest of a wave of 'newness' and success, both are realistic enough to know that winning is vital to keep the ball rolling.

Furner went on to say that honest performances are also a crowd-winner.

"Against Manly recently when we lost, the crowd clapped the team off the park. I consider that to be winning as well."

And what about the influence of money on sport?

"Money, for a true professional, is always a secondary item," says George Murray. "I remember playing for Aberdeen in a Cup Final and the money

for the game was the last thing on my mind."

For Bob Turner's boys the stakes aren't quite as high as the other two sports... and they are trying to learn from the mistakes of other sports where money has created problems.

The importance of sports physiology and sports psychology was also put to the respective coaches.

"I remember when players used to just have blisters on their big toes. Now they come back from the doctor with a diagnosis they can't even remember, let alone pronounce," joked Bob Turner.

Murray continued by saying that players these days will not do lap after lap of a football pitch to get fit. "I can have my players on their knees in 15 minutes with the concentrated fitness programs around these days." The quality of the exercise has been fine-tuned by the sports medicine experts.

On sports psychology and psyching up players, George feels that players must be responsible for being able to psych themselves up initially.

"I've seen the results of a 17 year old player being over-psych'd. In the first few minutes of the match he kicked everything that moved and before long up-ended an opponent four feet into the air."

After listening to all three coaches respond to the questions with their sincerity, knowledge of the game, experience and sense of humour it was not difficult to understand why these gentlemen are running the top sporting teams



OTHER STATE REPORTS

BRISBANE'S BOHAN BOWS OUT

BY GREG RUSSELL

BRISBANE CITY striker Bevan Bohan is unlikely to play again this season after a decision to quit Soccer to concentrate on his job as a builder.

Bohan, 26, claims his work schedule makes him unable to train three nights a week.

But while that is given by Bohan and Brisbane City officials as the reasons for the hard-working former Mount Gravatt player disappearing from the club, one suspects it's not the full story.

Bohan revealed he felt

he was being played out of position in the City midfield and said he would not go back to the club to play Premier League.

"It's not worth the effort to play Premier League," Bohan said.

City desperately need experienced players for their Premier League side which comprises largely youngsters. The club has been lucky so far that it has not been hit by injuries and has got by on a squad of 14 players.

Outside those, with the exception of George Caird, there appears few others at the club capable of making the grade at the moment. Former top team player Willie Conner is on the transfer list but probably would still come into consideration — but he has had a knee injury for the past few weeks.

City are aware of the situation and have put out feelers for experienced reserves. At this stage, there are no signings on the horizon.

South Australia

BY TOM MCKAIN

THE S.A. State League First Division will self-destruct a large slice of itself in the first round proper of the PGH Federation Cup.

Three matches on the Saturday May 14 fixture list involve First Division teams, with Elizabeth visiting Port, Birkalla at home to Polonia and an Italian "derby" between Campbelltown and Azzurri at Campbelltown.

Holders Croatia look safe with a home match against Brighton City.

Interesting fixture will be Veneto (the team run by the Veneto social club) against Adelaide City, the reserves of the NSL combine.

Veneto is coached by Nilo Rusalen, former Adelaide City (when they were Juventus) star and also State regular.

Rusalen is still a critical spectator at City matches.

DRAW: — Salisbury United v Noarlunga United; WT Birkalla v Polonia; Port Adelaide v Elizabeth City; Veneto v Adelaide City; Blackwood v Sturt; Adelaide Omonia v AGUA; Croatia v Brighton City; West Adelaide v WF Apac; Whyalla City v Lion-Grange; Parafield Gdns v Elizabeth Vale; Adel Milan v Mt. Gambier Inter; Beograd v Cumberland; Modbury v Campbelltown (Ama-

teur); Adel University v Elizabeth Downs; Campbelltown City v Azzurri; Para Hills v Tea Tree Gully.

• The S.A. Soccer Federation is already making allowances for clubs joining a regionalised National League next year.

A special provision has been made to call a meet-

ing of the Council of Clubs to "consider and determine" the League composition for 1984.

• S.A. is hoping to organise a match for its State team later this year.

It has started negotiations with Austrian First Division club GAK and is hoping victoria will join in to make an Australian tour viable.

JUVENTUS SET THE PACE

BY "VAN DIEMEN"

JUVENTUS-PIONEER retained leadership of the Tasmanian Cadbury State League competition by defeating the reigning champion, Rapid-Wrest Point, 3-1 at South Hobart.

National coach Les Scheinflug and his assistant, Raul Blanco watched the match.

Juventus had two excellent chances in a scoreless first half.

Bruce Ward's excellent cross in the 26th minute was a little too high for

a punter's nightmare with only fanatical supporters likely to take a plunge on the winners.

However, Croatia should coast in at home against Brighton City from second division; West Adelaide look safe with a visit from Apac, also from second division, and Parra should overrun Tea Tree Gully from the Amateur League.

The big question mark hangs over Beograd, who have to take on second division Cumberland with the only advantage being home territory.

Beograd stuttered to a 1-0 defeat from West last weekend and Cumberland is the type of team which will punish anyone who can't keep up constant pressure.

An early goal would give Beograd confidence but at the moment, they lack a killer striker, having scored only three goals in four games.

Beograd has now slipped to eighth place on the table with West moving up into fifth.

Elizabeth's shock draw with Birkalla, while still leaving them bottom, has gained them two points, the same as Port and Beograd, who have a better goal difference.

• Croatia might not be able to hold on to English import Gary Price next season.

Already Adelaide's two NSL clubs have their eyes on the striker.

Although not big, he is an opportunist and makes an ideal partner for the tall Paul Blute, also on the NSL shopping lists.

Polonia coach Dave Jenkins, as we went to press, had gone 11 League games without defeat.

He took over from Alex Kosmina mid-season last year.

Ambrosino who could only head upwards instead of into the net.

Then, with two minutes remaining to half-time, Ward slammed a shot on to the crossbar following a Charlton free-kick.

A tragic error by 'keeper Phil Kannegieser led to Juventus' first goal in the 56th minute.

STANDINGS:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
JUVENTUS	3	3	0	0	10	3	6
CROATIA	3	3	0	0	7	1	6
OLYMPIA	3	2	1	0	8	3	5
METRO	3	1	0	2	6	7	2
CALEDONIANS	3	1	0	2	3	7	2
UNIVERSITY	3	1	0	2	4	9	2
RAPID	3	0	1	2	3	6	1
WHITE EAGLES	3	0	0	3	1	6	0

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WYC SPRINGBOARD TO FAME

By TOM ANDERSON

SOCCKER talent scouts throughout the world are packing their bags and heading for Mexico and the coming World Youth Championship finals.

For this is the spawning ground of the future superstars with talent unlimited on parade.

Since the series started in 1977, an exclusive new club in international Soccer — comprising brilliant young players who made the final breakthrough to the real big-time through these championships — has been formed.

The "club" is made up of youngsters who come from diverse backgrounds from different corners of the globe.

They are superstars such as Diego Maradona, Vladimir Bessonov and Allan Costly who first saw the light of day in Argentina, the Ukraine and the Caribbean.

Last year, in the World Cup Finals in Spain, these three players grabbed headlines when they played for Argentina,

Russia and Honduras.

They are also amongst the first men to have represented their countries in world championship finals at youth and senior levels.

Maradona, Bessonov and Costly — plus another 30 senior World Cup stars from eight more countries were first brought to world fame through the FIFA-Coca-Cola Cup.

The two first winners of this prestigious event were Russia in Tunisia in 1977 and Argentina in Japan in 1979.

Russian football reaped a harvest from their 1977 Youth Cup win and this was obvious in their line-up in Spain.

Bessonov was not the only player to come through the ranks from the Cup-winning youth side that won in Tunisia.

Others were Bessonov's Dinamo Kiev team-mates

defenders Anatoli Damianenko and Sergei Baltacha, midfielder Andre Bal and goalkeeper Viktor Chanov.

In the Argentina squad, along with Maradona, were strikers Ramon Diaz and Gabriel Calderon and midfielder Juan Barbas who all played in the Japan youth final series in 1979.

But the list is not confined to the winners of the World Youth Championship: many major nations have used it to spring-board players to their World Cup senior squads.

For example, France and Spain both played in the first ever WYC at the El Menzah Stadium in Tunis in 1977.

In the French team in this series was a player who was later to score two valuable World Cup goals in Spain against Kuwait and Austria.

He was Bernard Ghengini, who was signed by St Etienne from Sochaux as a replacement for mid-field superstar Michel Platini transferred to Italian millionaires Juventus.

Spain's World Cup captures from the Tunisia championships were Athletic Bilbao defender Santiago Urquiaga — he played both second round games against West Germany and England and Real Madrid midfielder Ricardo Gallego.

Italy, too, has used the Youth finals to advantage despite their poor showings in Tunisia and here in Australia in 1981.

Two players who played in the Tunisia series Franco Baresi, sweeper and captain of AC Milan and Giovanni Galli, the brilliant goalkeeper of Fiorentina, were members of Italy's World Cup-winning squad.

One player who will never forget the Tunisia series is Gilberto of Honduras who immediately afterwards signed for Spanish club Valladolid.

This enabled Gilberto

to play for Honduras in last year's Mundial in Spain where he was joined by seven of his former youth team compatriots including Costly.

The Eastern European countries use the Youth final series as a veritable senior World Cup production line.

Poland, for example, reached the semi-finals of both youth and senior competitions with Legia Warsaw goalkeeper Jacek Kasimierski and midfielder Andrzej Buncol and Gornik attacker Andrzej Palasz in both squads.

Kasimierski has become Poland's number one goalkeeper since the World Cup.

It is little wonder that the international scouts from around the globe converge on a World Youth Cup Final series.

Old master Helenio Herrera did not exactly make the trip here for the 1981 finals for the benefit of his health!

Anyone who tries to play down the importance of these finals must surely be ill-advised about their real importance.

FIFA/Coca-Cola Cup — World Youth Championship

GROUP A

- 1 Mexico (MEX)
- 2 Australia (AUS)
- 3 Korea Republic (KOR)
- 4 Scotland (SCO)

GROUP B

- 5 Poland (POL)
- 6 Ivory Coast (CIV)
- 7 Uruguay (URU)
- 8 USA (USA)

GROUP C

- 9 China PR (PRC)
- 10 Argentina (ARG)
- 11 Czechoslovakia (CSR)
- 12 Austria (AUT)

GROUP D

- 13 USSR (URS)
- 14 Nigeria (NGR)
- 15 Netherlands (HOL)
- 16 Brazil (BRA)



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KOR v. SCO (A3)

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POL v. CIV (B5 v)

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URU v. USA (B7)

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No. 6

PRC v. ARG (C9)

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No. 7

CSR v. AUT (C11)

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No. 8

HOL v. BRA (D15)

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No. 9

URS v. NGR (D13)

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KOR v. MEX (A3)

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No. 11

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THU. 9 June

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ARG v. CSR (C10)

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PRC v. AUT (C9 v)

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URS v. BRA (D13)

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QUARTER FINALS

SAT. 11 June

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A1 v. B2

" "

No. 27

B1 v. A2

SUN. 12 June

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C1 v. D2

" "

No. 29

D1 v. C2

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WED. 15 June

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SAT. 18 June

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FINAL

SUN. 19 June

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WINNER 29 v. W

YOUNG CHAMPIONS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Next month in Mexico, Australia's Young Socceroos will be thrown into the international arena to do battle with the very best Youth Soccer players in the World.

In the first round, Australia's Young Champions have been drawn against the host nation, Mexico in the opening match of the World Youth Championship.

Australia's next opponents will be the current European Champions, Scotland.

Who will ever forget the last World Youth Championships staged in Australia in 1981?

Who will ever forget October 3, 1981 when Australia opened the Championships with their match against the then current world champions, Argentina, at the

Sydney Sports Ground?

And who will ever forget that match when Australia, rank outsiders world-wide, fought back to knock-out the World Champions 2-1 and send the entire Stadium absolutely wild.

Satellite telecasts and telexes beamed out of Sydney telling the world, "Australia has crushed the World Youth Champions, 2-1."

That afternoon as Sydney Olympic's Peter Raskopoulos, captain of Australia's Young Champions, led his lads carrying the green and Gold on to the pitch, nobody but AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY had predicted the result of that match.

Ninety minutes later, the entire Sports Ground was a sea of wild-

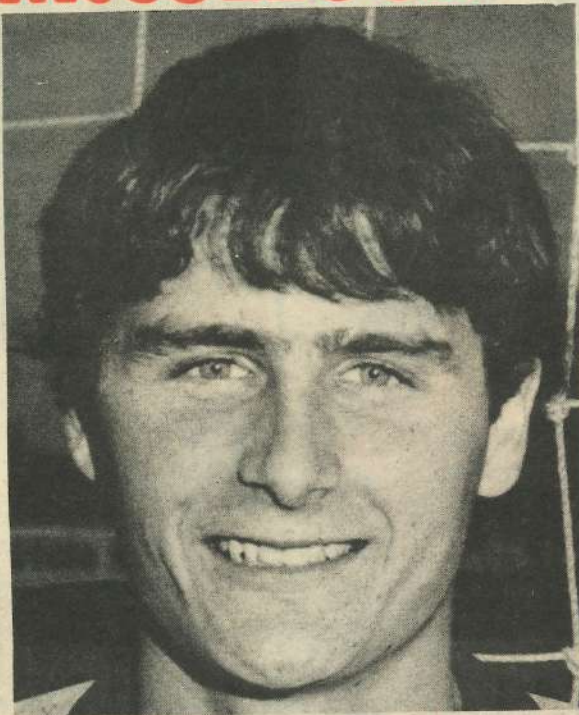
ly excited fans as they poured from the grandstands to the playing area to grab, hug, kiss or touch...AUSTRALIA'S YOUNG CHAMPIONS.

Now Marconi's outstanding young midfielder, Tommy McCulloch, has inherited Raskopoulos' responsibilities, as he will lead out Australia in the huge Azteca Stadium to fight Mexico in the opening match of the Championship.

Who are these Young Warriors who will be clad in Australia's green and gold?

As from this week, Australian Soccer Weekly will run a series of player-profiles to give our readers a brief insight to Australia's very own Young Champions.

TOMMY McCULLOCH



BIRTHDAY and PLACE: February 10, 1964, Paisley, Scotland.
SCHOOL: Shalvey, Western Suburbs, Sydney.
JUNIOR CLUBS: Marrickville, Nepean.
SENIOR CLUBS: Auburn, currently with Marconi.
INFLUENTIAL PERSON IN CAREER: My dad (George, former Pan Hellenic player) and Les Scheinflug.
FIRST GRADE DEBUT: 1982 with Marconi against Brisbane City.
COUNTRIES VISITED THROUGH SOCCER: U.S.A. New Guinea, Mexico.
THOUGHTS ON MEXICO CHAMPIONSHIP: "Win the first match against Mexico and then take it from there steadily and see what happens."
WHO WILL WIN THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP?: "Australia. My second choice would be Brazil. But Scotland will be very tough as well. They have so many First Division players with Celtic, Aberdeen, Spurs, Sunderland."
WHAT'S IT LIKE TO CAPTAIN AUSTRALIA?: "Extra responsibility which I like. I thrive on it and most of all it is a great honour. The greatest for any sportsman."
NSL PLAYERS RATED HIGHLY: "John Kosmina, Tony Henderson."
OVERSEAS PLAYERS RATED: "Bryan Robson, Kenny Dalglish and George Best."
OCCUPATION: "Currently part-time sports-store assistant with Mark Jankovics."
CAR DRIVEN: "Datsun 180 B".
OTHER SPORTS OR HOBBIES: "Golf and watching my brothers playing junior Soccer."
FAVOURITE FOODS: "Steak & Chips."
FAVOURITE POSITION: "Midfielder."
GENERAL REMARKS: "For all junior players, I can say, do your very, very, best at training and always give 100 per cent."
 "Take your Soccer seriously but enjoy the game at the same time."
 "Listen well to all your coaches and good older players. Practice ball skills with BOTH your feet. Not just ONE."
 "Soccer is a good career and there is a lot to play for. Satisfaction, great pleasure, money and a magnificent way to see the world by following the bouncing ball."

JOE RIZZOTTO



BIRTHDAY & PLACE: April 11, 1964, Liverpool, Sydney.
SCHOOL: Fairfield High.
JUNIOR CLUBS: Smithfield Hotspurs.
SENIOR CLUBS: Marconi.
INFLUENTIAL PERSON IN CAREER: "My father, Dom Kapetanovic, Luciano Nesti, Raul Blanco."
FIRST GRADE DEBUT: "In 1982 against Canberra City."
COUNTRIES VISITED THROUGH SOCCER: "U.S.A."
THOUGHTS ABOUT MEXICO?: "Very excited and hoping to make final selected team. I am pushing myself to the limit."
WHO WILL WIN THE WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP?: "Australia. We have many good players, but Scotland will be hard being European champs, and so will Mexico who will have heavy local support."
NSL PLAYERS RATED HIGHLY: "Tony Henderson, Joe Watson and most of the Marconi side."
OVERSEAS PLAYERS RATED: "Danny McGrain and all the Liverpool players."
OCCUPATION: "Student at Granville Tech. I'm doing Accountancy."
CAR DRIVEN: "Ford Fairlane."
OTHER SPORTS OR HOBBIES: "Most sports plus I like movies."
FAVOURITE FOODS: "All Italian cooking."
FAVOURITE POSITION: "Left-back. I played as a right winger when I was 14 years old and managed to score 15 goals."
GENERAL REMARKS ON THE CODE: "Every player in a good team must give 100 per cent. If they do, they can't go wrong. Don't ever relax as your standard will drop quickly."
 "The National Youth team's recent success, has done a lot for the overall standard of Soccer, especially at junior levels."

	STADIUM
v. A2)	Mexico
v. A4)	Toluca
B6)	Puebla
v. B8)	Guadalajara
v. C10)	Mexico
v. C12)	Puebla
v. D16)	Guadalajara
v. D14)	Monterrey
v. A1)	Mexico
A2)	Toluca
B6)	Puebla
v. B5)	León
v. D14)	Guadalajara
v. D13)	Monterrey
v. C10)	León
v. C9)	Irapuatu
v. A4)	Mexico
A3)	Toluca
B8)	Puebla
B7)	Irapuatu
v. C11)	León
C12)	Irapuatu
v. D16)	Guadalajara
v. D15)	Monterrey
	Mexico
	Monterrey
	León
	Guadalajara
INNER 27	Mexico
INNER 28	Monterrey
SER 30	Guadalajara
INNER 30	Mexico

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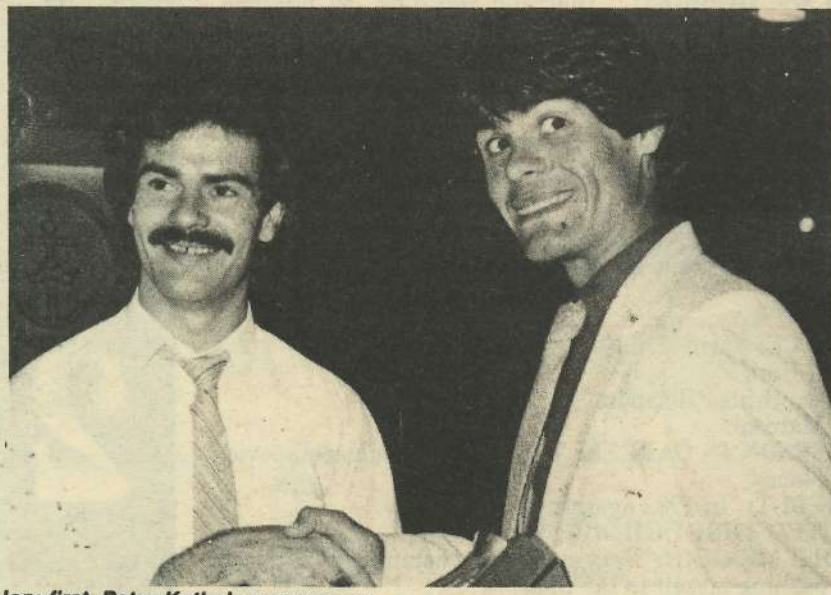
CAPTAIN SOCCEROO

WITH JOHNNY WARREN

Dynamic midfield play... smashing in 12 goals which enabled him to top the Slickers' goal scoring chart... Socceroos without Souness would have been unthinkable



Ian Souness: recovering



Ian: first. Peter Katholos: runner up

TEMPE CHALLENGE

TEMPE High School are aiming to surpass previous efforts in the Commonwealth Bank Soccer competition.

This year the side has recorded two victories in the competition.

In the first round they defeated Cleveland St. 2-0 and then met the strong South Sydney side.

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This was a hard game with both sides locked at 1-1 after extra time.

In the resultant penalty shootout Tempe were successful, 5-3.

In the third round they will face the winner of the Dulwich Hill and Fort St. game.

Tempe have previously beaten both sides in their high school competition

Results:—

Gosford 7	beat	Erina 1
Gosford 4	beat	Gorokan 1
Endeavour 3	beat	Gymea 0
Blaxland 1	beat	Granville 0
Nepean 3	beat	Penrith 2
Wollongong 3	beat	Warrawong 0
Port Kembla 5	beat	Dapto 2
Sir Joseph Banks 0	beat	Cabramatta 3

7-1 and 5-0 respectively.

The "big guns" in the side are Bill Baracat in midfield and the Dynamic striker Phillip Ilioglou.

Things are looking bright for Tempe.

SOUNESS FINALLY ON RECOVERY TRAIL

SPARE a thought for Sydney City utility player Ian Souness when the Socceroos take on England next month.

For, in the normal course of events, Souness would have been one of the first picked in any Socceroo team.

That of course was back in 1981 when the former Chelsea apprentice, associated schoolboy and full time pro had a superb season with the Slickers.

Although he won the Under 21 player of the year in his first season in Australia in 1978, the year 1981 almost totally belonged to Souness.

He was Presto Player of the Year, NSW Player of the Year and runner up to Bobby Russell by a point in the Australian Player of the Year.

He won the award with

dynamic midfield performances for the Slickers, smashing in 12 goals which enabled him to top the Slickers' goalscoring chart with John Kosmina.

At that stage a Socceroo team without Souness would have been unthinkable.

FRUSTRATED

Yet as happens in so many players careers, when everything looks so bright injury strikes.

And they don't come much worse than the back injury Souness suffered early in 1982.

Back injuries are so troublesome simply because the actual injury is

hard to diagnose as the remedy is equally frustrating.

For Souness it all became a matter of trial and error treatment — manipulative therapy, corset harnesses, hospitalisation, epidural injection, traction, stretching therapy, weights and more manipulation.

Souness has done the lot in the past 10 months and it has seen him go from a Socceroo certainty to a worried, frustrated player trying to come back.

But now Souness is on the way back.

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Almost mysteriously the back problems have eased and the more he trains the better his back becomes.

He has been in and out of the Slickers' lineup this

year still lacking the confidence of old.

Players out of the game for 10 months like Souness, take time to get back in the swing of things and he has yet to re-establish himself in first grade.

In fact he has requested a four-week spell in the Slickers' Youth team to regain match fitness and confidence.

When Souness does come back it could be at right back, taking Kevin Mullen's place.

Mullen is experiencing the same back problem as Souness had last year.

One hopes Souness, who is employed as an accounts executive at Slickers' sponsors, Presto Small Goods, is back in business soon.

At his peak their are few more dynamic and entertaining players in Australian Soccer.



Above left: Blacktown Assn. U/11 squad 1983.

Above: Clive Harrison, Doonside H.S. A.C.H.S. scholarship winner to Johnny Warren Soccer camps.

Far left: Billy Manix of Evans H.S. pictured before a recent N.S.W. Youth League game. Another C.H.S. scholarship winner to Johnny Warren's camp.

Left: David Barrett, captain of the Canterbury Assn. U/14 side and Robert Beechy (right) of the Blacktown Association shake hands after a recent N.S.W. Youth League game. David and Robert have both



WINNERS ALL!

won scholarships to attend Johnny Warren's Soccer camp in May. David was in last year's N.S.W. U/13 State side and was also the captain.



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READERS FORUM

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US CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND SPORTS SOCIETY

I READ with interest your article on page 16 (April 26) relating to the recent successful tour of California by the local Newcastle girls team Brambles Steel City Starlets, and in it you state that it never ceases to amaze you that so many Newcastle teams manage to undertake overseas tours.

Perhaps we could partly explain this by informing you of the function of Cultural Exchange, which has its Australian headquarters here in Newcastle.

We have been operating overseas sporting tours for four years now to all parts of the world, particularly the U.S.A., Britain, Europe, and New Zealand for all sports, and Soccer has proved one of the most popular.

We are able to offer prospective teams a full sporting programme at their chosen destination as well as organising a hosting and sightseeing programme with overseas clubs which, naturally, brings their tour cost within a realistic figure

as there are no hotel or food bills to pay.

Whilst Newcastle has been the forerunner in Soccer we certainly do not wish this to remain an "exclusive area" and would welcome all enquiries.

With regards to your comment on the fund raising capabilities of our local youngsters we can only agree with you — their dedication and the supportive attitude of their club and association officials had done a great deal of good for junior Soccer in this area, and hope that the same benefits can be enjoyed by other teams who have access to your publication.

Tony Keene, Newcastle.

Dear Sir

I am an avid soccer fan and a regular reader of ASW. I attend a lot of State League matches and was surprised not to read anything in your paper about the folding of Riverwood SC or the points won by other clubs in their matches against Riverwood. Please correct me if I am wrong but I am sure nothing was mentioned.

Also I would eventually like to see all ethnic club names changed to district names but find it hard to believe that the NSL has turned down Croatia's application to play in the National League when they have clubs playing under such names as Marconi and Sydney Olympic.

Your Sincerely

David Moore, Jannali, NSW.

(Mr Moore must have miss ASW's full coverage of the Riverwood affair... editor)

I recently attended the Sydney City vs Wollongong match (Sun. 24th April) in Wollongong. Whilst watching the game and very much enjoying the afternoon's entertainment, I was quite amazed that the Wollongong Soccer officials were giving progress scores of the Illawarra Rugby League game played in Sydney. I think this is disgusting and should not be allowed at a Soccer match. If they want to hear the League results, let them stay at home and listen.

MICHAEL HOWELL
(Sydney City Supporter)

NOSTALGIA TRIP FOR NODDY

You can be sure Adrian Alston — "Noddy" — will have plenty of happy memories this week when he joins Atti Abonyi in the school holiday coaching camps at Englefield Stadium, Dural.

During Australia's great challenge for the 1974 World Cup, Noddy and Atti were team-mates in the forward line.

In fact, they were regular selections for the Soc-



ADRIAN ALSTON

ceroos under coach Rale Rasic from 1970 until the World Cup bid ended in Berlin.

Since then, the pair have drifted far apart. Alston moved to England and played for Luton Town — and then to Wales with Cardiff City. Cardiff transferred him to the USA where Noddy joined the all-star Tampa Bay Rowdies.

Unfortunately, injury brought an end to his career and, after a spell in his native Lancashire, Alston has now settled again in Australia.

Atti did not travel. But he made much progress in the coaching field and is now working with young players at Englefield Stadium on a full-time basis.

This week and next, Atti and Noddy will be imparting their outstanding skills to the kids at Dural.

By the way, another touch of nostalgia for Abonyi and Alston is provided by the venue of their coaching camp.

Englefield Stadium was the "home" of the 1974 Socceroos — easily the finest international squad in Australian Soccer history.

WATSON'S CROSSES

BEING chosen to represent your country is the greatest honour a player can receive, and I was overjoyed when I learnt of my inclusion in the Australian national squad to play against England next month.

Given the chance to wear the Green and Gold against England is the most exciting challenge of my career.

I say challenge, because it is up to myself and other members of the squad to prove to coach Frank Arok that we are worthy of selection in the final XI that will take the field against England.

Arok has already developed a system to operate against England. He has wisely selected his squad of players to suit this system.

Arok is confident that if we successfully adopt his tactics, then England is in for a tough time.

Let's face it, we have nothing to lose and everything to gain from this series.

We have the players and the opportunity to really put Australia on the Soccer map. I'm quite sure the Australian public would like nothing better than to see us beat the Poms.

To gain recognition as a Soccer power, Australia must be able to match the best.

So these three matches against England can be a step in the right direction.

Only when we reach this level will we gain respect from the rest of the world.



There have been a lot of nasty rumours lately, regarding the future of my club Sydney City.

We won't be throwing in the towel.

We have a great bunch of players at Sydney City, and although we are concerned about the club more than anyone else, we are not about to let it affect our game.



Joe Watson

In fact we are more determined than ever to take out the championship and make it four in a row.

Sydney City supporters might not be the greatest as far as numbers are concerned, but I can assure them they will be watching a team this year determined not to play second fiddle to anyone.



This year I become involved with coaching juniors and I elected to coach my young son Kevin's team, Astrolab Under 6s.

Never did I envisage that I would get so much enjoyment out of coaching, but these kids are so enthusiastic and willing to learn, that I'm having a great time.

Team manager, Dennis Hall, is an ex-Aussie Rules player and his tremendous enthusiasm rubs off on all the kids.

The team is undefeated so far and two weeks ago we rattled up 20 goals in one match. Our opponents didn't score.

Lately it is becoming a real surprise if we don't reach double figures.

So if there's any top Under 6s out there wanting a challenge match, please feel free to call me on 349-6142. We'd love to give you a game.

Incidentally, the parents of the kids in my team are Scottish, Australian, Chinese, English and Chilean. They get on super which is how it should be.

GREEKS HAPPY IN BRISBANE

BY GREG RUSSELL

THE GREEKS are on the way back in Queensland.

After more than five years in the doldrums, the Brisbane Greek Soccer community finally has something to cheer about after their new "baby", Olympic United, surged to the top of the Premier League last week.

Olympic hit the lead when they downed former undefeated leaders Eastern Suburbs 1-0 in one of the few games played on a washed-out weekend in Brisbane.

The victory capped a remarkable comeback for the Greeks whose pride was dented three years ago when the struggling St George Souths folded amid a pile of debts.

That left lower division club Olympic United as the Greek community's lone flag bearer.

But the tag "lower division" was to be quickly thrown off as the hard-working Olympic committee, learning by the mistakes made by their Greek "cousins", geared the club towards top football.

In 1982, despite finishing second bottom of the first division the previous season, Olympic convinced the QSF bigger things were ahead and they were admitted to the State League.

A massive rebuilding campaign was undertaken and after a few early hiccups, including a change of coaches, Olympic began to hit their straps and staged a storming finish last year to narrowly miss out on the finals.

After a few more buys this season, they con-

tinued to get stronger and eventually clawed their way to the top of the table a credit to coach Con Tharenou.

It was a significant achievement, for the Olympic committee had for so long fought to throw off criticism from some sections of the Greek community that

they "were another St George".

The team looks set to stay on the top. Mark McNaughton, playing with confidence and dominance at the back, is the guiding light for young players like Ogden, Craig Scheider and Mick Cernaka.

But the forward-think-

ing Olympic committee is not content with the present successes and has plans for even more development and eventually a place in the national competition to compete against the Sydney and Melbourne Greek giants.

The club is examining a new ground and has ambitious plans for its development.

Tharenou is content with his squad at the moment but now has players approaching him to join the club — a far cry from two seasons ago when the committee negotiated hard and long to get players.

CRAIG JOHNSTON OF LIVERPOOL

MANY youngsters throughout Australia would have seen Craig Johnston in action on television.

Craig did some good work along the right side for Liverpool at Wembley Stadium when they won The Football League (Milk) Cup with a 2-1 extra-time win over equally famous Manchester United.

Liverpool's team included many great footballing names such as Graeme Souness, Ronnie Whelan, Alan Hansen, Kenny Dalglish and Ian Rush.

On the Manchester side were Gary Bailey, Gordon McQueen, Ray Wilkins and Steve Coppell.

Craig Johnston, a local Newcastle boy who played for Lake Macquarie and Booragul High School, spent a great deal of his holidays in NSW last year playing for Newcastle in the National Soccer League.

Much more of his time went into demonstrating

Soccer for kids. In the picture he is explaining matters at Gosford to an interested crowd of youngsters who attended the "Our Town Coaching

Clinic".

Behind Craig is former Central Coast resident Bruce Stowell, now the Queensland Director of Coaching.



CRAIG JOHNSTON with some Soccer-keen juniors.

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IT'S FOUR OUT OF FOUR FOR THE SCOTS

BY DON BALMAIN

THE fourth round of matches in the Premier League in the Sydney Women's Soccer competition was played at the weekend — with Arncliffe Scots proving their worth by taking their fourth win in as many matches.

The opening goal against Epping Eastwood was scored by Vicki Dean after 10 minutes.

In a clash of heads incident, Leigh Wardell, Epping Eastwood's striker, was injured and had to be taken off with the match half an hour old.

This fixture was played at Morrison Bay, Putney and was watched by a crowd of several hundred — indicating that, no matter how attendances may have dropped in men's Soccer, the girls can still attract spectators.

Results of Fourth Round Games:



WOMEN IN SOCCER

Arncliffe Scots 2 Epping Eastwood 0 Wentworthville Waratahs 3 Liverpool 3.

Forest beat Olympic on forfeit.

VICTORIA REPORTING

League tells coaches to 'shut up or else'

MANAGER KAMASZ DELIVERS ULTIMATUM

"Shut-up, or else..." is the stern warning issued by the National League to outspoken coaches and club officials criticising publicly the League.

Apparently, disturbed by comments made by coaches and officials on different occasions, League manager Stefan Kamasz, delivered the ultimatum in the following paragraph of a letter to the clubs:

Munro on the move

Frank Munro, the former Wolves and South Melbourne centre back, who has been training with Northcote City, is considering an offer from Hamlyn Rangers.

After coaching Albion Rovers last year he's eager to get back into the playing side of the game as he's expected to return to Wolverhampton late this year for his testimonial after his 10 years service with the English league club.

Meantime, Andy McMillan, the former Rovers defender, has signed with Hamlyn Rangers.

Top coach resigns

Former Dutch international forward Mike de Bruyckere has resigned as coach of Ringwood City.

De Bruyckere came to Australia as a player for Ringwood Wilhelmina in the 60s and left to take up coaching.

He felt he was getting little success with the Victorian State League club who are dangerously placed near the bottom of the league with Albion Rovers and South Melbourne.

Mike quit after Box Hill beat Ringwood 2-0 on their home ground at Jubilee Park.



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Melbourne

By Con Nikolopoulos

"The League will not accept unreasonable criticism from clubs, coaches, officials or players, despite previous practices".

According to my sources, Eddie Thomson of Sydney City, Rale Rasic of South Melbourne and Sam Gouloupoulos of

Heidelberg United, have been caned by the League for making statements to the press against the League, and have been summoned to provide their explanations.

Meantime, League Chairman Sam Papasavas rejected sugges-

tions that Mr Kamasz's letter, is an obvious attempt to gag League coaches.

"We are not removing anybody's right to express an opinion", says Papasavas.

"All we ask them to do is, to submit their complaints, in writing, to the League, for consideration."

"We feel that individual statements in the press, criticising administrators and officials, do not serve any purpose. On the contrary these statements damage the reputation of the League and of the code in general," said Mr Papasavas.

THE DOVES TAKE ON A NEW WING

By PETER DESIRA

DOVETON has discovered a youngster with top potential in Colin Bartlett, a colored striker who joined the club at the start of the season.

"I have high hopes of him making the grade," said coach Ernie Merrick.

"Colin is a South African who scored 17 or 18 goals in the Provisional League last year.

"He is very fit and fast and ideally built to play a winger's role.

"He has come on a couple of times already this season and made an impression.

"It's a toss up for the position between him and Mark Lennon who has also been playing well this year," said Merrick.



TONY'S ON THE BALL

Tony Kaiser, of South Melbourne, shows his style. Photo: John Punshon.

IT'S THAT PAUL AGAIN

GREEN Gully's pride up front — Paul Lewis, the man who makes it all happen when the chips are down. Paul has the happy knack of finding the net when he gets the ball. He's one of the players who is keeping the Victorian State League champions in the running for a hat-trick of titles. Here he shows his skill with the ball at his left foot as he lines up another goal. Photo by Australian Soccer Weekly photographer JOHN PUNSHON.

Who'll sponsor Ampol Cup?

By Peter Desira

THE VSF's publicity and promotions committee has been given the task to find a replacement sponsor for Ampol which has withdrawn its sponsorship of the pre-season night series competition.

"We've got a big job ahead of us but the competition is a big drawcard and we're hopeful of attracting a new sponsor in time for the 1984 competition," said Lou Stafrace, chairman of the committee this week.

The Ampol Cup has been running for 25 years Australia wide but the company's involvement in Victoria totalled only around 8,000 dollars, of which 6,000 dollars went in prize money.

The company first pulled out of running the competition in Tasmania last year but it is being left up to the State managers to decide on each individual departure. There has been no official word on the Sydney Ampol Cup yet.

The Victorian Ampol Cup this year ran at a very healthy profit mainly because of the involvement of the four Melbourne NSL clubs which were pitted against the top four State League clubs.

Victorian Soccer Federation secretary George Wallace said: "the decision of the Company has nothing to do with the game."

"Their decision to withdraw their sponsorship has to do with the state of the market," reaffirmed Wallace.

Asked whether the Federation has made approaches to other business enterprises, for similar sponsorship, Wallace stated:

"No, not yet. The Board learned about the decision of the Company during the week and did not have the time to re-search the Market. Yes, we will be looking for sponsorship of a similar competition, to be named after the sponsor". — Con Nikolopoulos.

McKew for big spender Georgie

By Peter Desira

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS, apparently able to draw from an unlimited well of finances, is set to sign another new player in its bid to climb out of the relegation zone and establish itself as a force in the State League.

"There is no magic source. Our supporters grizzle and groan but they continue to keep faith in the club. Even at our midweek friendly matches we are getting between 300 and 400 supporters to watch," Cross president Alf Zahra said.

The new signing is John McKew, a midfielder who has according to Zahra played for APIA in Sydney before coming to Melbourne to join Juventus.

He has not made any senior appearances at Juve and is being allowed to leave but Zahra rates him as "a very good midfielder".

Sunshine and George Cross merged in the close season but the new club has been unable to find a good combination from the players available in the two squads.

Officials have strengthened the squad with two signings from South Melbourne, Gerry Bennett and John Stevenson, for \$10,000 and then went to great pains to recruit Tommy Traynor as coach.

As well as paying his fare from Scotland and his accommodation, Cross is rumored to be forking out the highest

wages for a coach in the State League.

As yet he has been unable to find the magic formula but Zahra is prepared to be patient.

"When the team loses there is all sorts of talk. But we disregard that otherwise no one would stay in the job for more than a week. Tommy is giving it all he's got and slowly getting them together," Zahra said.

"At the start of the season we played for 15 to 20 minutes. The team's workrate has increased and there is more consistency for about 80 minutes now. It won't be long before we start getting results."

Arthur's poser

South Melbourne long serving defender Arthur Xanthopoulos, can't get over his first suspension. In a Soccer career which stretches over 10 years.

"It feels terrible watching the game from the stand," said Xanthopoulos.

"I still wonder why I was sent off. I think the referee over-reacted to a legitimate challenge and produced the red card". — Con Nikolopoulos.



Regions not the answer — Anezakis

REGIONALISING the National League is a backward step for Australian Soccer according to South Melbourne president Leo Anezakis.

And his argument appears to have the backing of a number of officials at Preston.

But the two giants of Victorian Soccer have agreed to toe the line and go along with the majority on the controversial subject that could erupt a big feud between the State Federations and the top brass of the NSL.

"If we regionalise we'll be going backwards 20 years."

"I believe we should maintain the National League in its present format," Anezakis told me.

"At my club when we've needed money we've always worked a little harder to raise it instead of looking at ways to economise."

"I believe the League should do the same."

"South Melbourne wants to play top Soccer against quality opposition like Marconi, Sydney Olympic, St George and West Adelaide."

"After playing against all these strong clubs for so many years, we would lose support for sure by playing against State League opposition."

Anezakis says only one club - Mooroolbark - has pulled out of the League and not even Brisbane clubs, the hardest hit clubs travel wise, have contemplated leaving even when the opportunity arose, so the time has come to stop all this doom talk.

"Every club has managed to keep going - and there are two or three strong clubs good enough to replace anyone which wants to pull out. The only way to lift the game is by working hard," argued Anezakis.

Over at Preston, secretary John Christou has similarly stated that his club is keen to carry on in the same format.

"We'd be able to make ends meet somehow and that's preferable than having to play against State League clubs which have nothing to offer," he said.

NSL chairman Sam Papasavas has refuted the argument saying the two clubs would be among the few able to raise the \$40,000 or \$50,000 needed just for airfares if the League was unable to retain a sponsorship.

"The only way we can retain a National competition is by reducing the amount of travel and ad-

By Peter Desira

ding the number of local derbies which always attract bigger attendances," Papasavas said.

Greenwood coming

Former England manager Ron Greenwood will spend a week in Melbourne, meeting people and delivering speeches to a variety of audiences, arranged by State coach Tim White.

While in Melbourne, Greenwood will queue up at Waverley Football Ground for the game Hawthorn v Melbourne, on an invitation by VFL Director of Coaching Johnny Warren (no relation to our own Johnny Warren).

Since his arrival coincides with the preparation of the Victorian Youth Team for the National championship, Greenwood will supervise a session of the team at Olympic Park.

He will also address coaches and Soccer writers, members of the Victorian Branch of the Australian Soccer Press Association, during a luncheon at the City and Overseas Club.

Footscray confident

Footscray president Zika Karic is confident Footscray will soon charge to the top of the championship table.

"We are definitely on the right track," says Karic "and I feel our recovery is a matter of time".

"I am not suggesting Footscray will get up and win the championship. What I mean to say to our supporters is that we should not underestimate the potential of our team. We are reaching the end of that devastating transition period, and we are all confident the team will start firing".

Meantime, Footscray finalised the transfer of former Canberra City midfielder Ian Purdie, during the week, and the player will be available for selection.

Footscray are awaiting the arrival of their new recruit, Hamilton Rangers midfielder Greg McDougall.

Twenty four years of age, McDougall can interchange between the midfield and the centre of the defence.

It is believed the player will fill the vacancy left by Jim Kondarios' transfer to State League club, Fawkner. — Con Nikolopoulos.



Bad luck Charlie!

CANBERRA Arrows' goalie Chris Hummel dives as South Melbourne's striker Charlie Egan shoots despite a strong tackle by John Moutsopoulos (obscured).

The ball went into the net in this National League Cup tie at Middle Park Stadium. However the linesman's flag was up for offside.

Another fine action picture from the lens of Australian Soccer Weekly photographer JOHN PUNSHON.

FALCONS SLUMP A MYSTERY

By Peter Desira

RALE RASIC is not the only one unable to put his finger on his club's sudden bad form - Tony Boggi has the same problem at Morwell Falcons.

The La Trobe Valley club sunk to a mid-table position after suffering three defeats in quick

succession against Polonia, Melbourne Croatia, and Green Gully, and Boggi is at a loss to explain the reasons behind the slump.

"We've had some bad luck, but I'm more than

confident we can pull out of it.

"We were on top for long periods in those matches but our front line is not scoring goals."

"But that's not the only department not playing well. The defence has been off colour and in mid field we've missed Eric Young."

"No one is happy at the club but there is no point in taking drastic matters at this stage."

"All we can do is persist and I'm sure results will start to come soon," Boggi said.

Croydon seek midfielder

— BUT JIMMY ROONEY IS IN NO DANGER

CROYDON has switched its attention overseas in search of one more top player who can turn the club into a candidate for the State League championship.

"I'm interested in bringing a player from England and have already got someone in mind - a midfielder - who has been highly recommended to the club," Croydon coach Billy McArthur said.

"Whether we go ahead and bring him over de-

pends largely on how the team plays over the next few weeks.

"With the squad we've got I believe we can win the League and that's no drivel. The basis is there but we have to become more desperate and achieve results against the lower clubs in the league."

A new midfielder would add competition to the squad but McArthur says the new arrival would not be signed to replace veteran Jimmy Rooney.

Fawkner get new sponsor

By Peter Desira

FAWKNER has attracted a \$20,000 sponsorship for the 1983 season to continue its emergence as one of the best run clubs in the State.

Two companies, Schipano Home Furnishers and Florence Tiles, have combined to provide the backing in return for shirt and

ground advertising. The directors of the two companies have lengthy associations with the club and attend matches.

Fawkner's deal follows hot on the heels of a \$100,000 sponsorship announced by Ring-

wood City.

Kees Muskens a former player at Ringwood who is now head of Resource Marketing has made a five year deal with the club on behalf of AFTA Travel Insurance.

The first instalment of \$20,000 was handed over last week.



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NORTHERN NSW ABOUNDS WITH JUNIOR SOCCER

ONE of the biggest Soccer bodies in Australia is the Northern NSW Amateur Soccer Federation.

Northern NSW has its roots in the Newcastle district, one of the longest-standing Soccer areas in Australia.

It expanded out of the Hunter Region and linked up with some of the districts where Soccer had long been played such as Lismore (Far North Coast) and Tamworth, Gunnedah and Armidale (New England).

Then the race to develop Soccer throughout the Country was on in earnest. Very few districts are now without Soccer at junior and amateur level and the standard of play has improved.

The Mid-Coast League is another district where the quality of play has improved.

The position has arrived when the Northern NSW Soccer Federation covers over 26,000 players, excluding schools competitions and all the senior divisions which abound particularly around Newcastle and the Hunter.

Fred Eshman has been involved with Newcastle and Northern NSW for many years and is currently president.

The secretary is John Jones, who has long been connected with his home suburb of Charlestown, which is involved in the Macquarie Junior Soccer Association, which has over 4,500 players in its various junior grades.

Latest Northern NSW statistics are:—

	TEAMS IN EACH AGE GROUP													
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	18		
Richmond-Tweed	13	15	28	17	26	15	21	10	17	4	6	—		
Northern Rivers	7	22	19	14	16	10	15	1	13	2	6	—		
Hunter District	18	20	26	30	28	18	23	12	11	10	3	—		
Central Coast	—	—	—	35	32	26	22	14	10	(12)	—	—		
New England	7	44	34	41	42	21	40	16	19	4	17	5		
Lower Nth. Coast	3	23	23	27	28	24	19	12	9	9	—	—		
Macquarie	12	33	39	44	47	41	38	25	19	17	14	—		
Newcastle	21	30	38	41	49	40	38	31	2	15	17	9		
Nth. N.S.W. TOTALS	81	187	207	249	268	195	193	109	89	51	72	14		

TOTALS				
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45	44	347	4357	46
20	28	197	2470	30
—	21	336	4523	43
—	27	353	4891	56
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SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE



ASW story brings new Turner Cup entry

RED Band Catholic College at Forbes has entered the Bill Turner Cup for all under 15 school teams in NSW.

Mike Rawsthorne of the Combined Catholic Soccer Club said: "We saw the entry form in Australia Soccer Weekly."

"In and around towns such as ours there is only limited competition so we are pleased to join in any worthwhile competition."



We're getting ready . . .

IT'S Soccer Camps time again. To-day's picture shows a section of the schoolboy group assembled at one camp just before the action. With enthusiasm like this Australian Soccer will be pressing ahead. There are any more players coming through the ranks to take over from the Australian World Youth Cup players who will be seen in the World Youth Cup finals in Mexico. Tom McCulloch, Frank Farina, Russell Stewart, Danny Wright, Jim Patikas and the others came from the same competitions that the Soccer camp boys are playing in today.



Tackling with your weight

IN THIS shot of a high school practice session at Corrimal the attacker on the right has no trouble getting past the defender. The tackle failed, because the defender did not go in with the weight of his body to support his lower legs. His opponent was away and in the clear.



SUTHERLAND UNDER 16 YOUTH LEAGUE TEAM

This Sutherland side ran out 1-0 winners over Marrickville Olympic in the Polonia Cup final at Chopin Park. During the season they took out fourth place in their competition, losing out to Blacktown City on goal difference.

The Sutherland party is:
BACK ROW (L to R): N. Parsons (manager), M. Buttigieg, S. Rimmer, C. Betts, M. Bodor, M. Parsons, P. Wilcox, B. Tilt (coach).
FRONT ROW: S. Welsh, G. Robinson, M. Michael, M. Martin, G. Davies, N. Jackas, M. Tilt (ballboy).
ABSENT: F. Mrcvic, A. Logue.



Golden Eleven

CAN any club beat the record of the Forest Soccer Club when it comes to proficiency in the McDonald's Socceroo Super Skills Award. It didn't take Forest coach Harry Rimmer long to put his boys through the tests. No less than 11 of them were presented with a Gold Award, which is the top qualification for skill. The awards run from Blue, Red, Black and Green to the highly coveted gold. The boys in the picture are Ross Allen, Greg Sewell, Mark Allen and Adam Sewell. They are shown with Jim Kenamacca of McDonald's Brookvale, Australian Soccer Federation executive director Brian Emery and coach Harry Rimmer.

LANE COVE VISIT U.S.A.

DURING the off season the Lane Cove United Under 11a team visited Los Angeles from December 28 until January 11.

In 1982 Lane Cove team finished second in its Division, won Gala Day and won an Invitation Night Tournament amongst the top four Under 11 teams.

The team prepared for their trip to the USA by playing practice games against Sydney City, who also made a trip to the USA in December.

Money for the trip was raised by holding a barbecue during the Invitation Night Tournament in August with teams from Kissing Point, St Ives and Hornsby Heights as well as Lane Cove. Many supporters from the four teams came to watch.

Money was also raised by various Saturday morning Car Washes, Lamington Drives and Cake Stalls. All parents assisted the boys in a great effort. One parent provided a special donation which made it possible for the whole team of 12 to travel.

The complete party consisted of 35, including players, parents and brothers and sisters who travelled to the USA with Continental Airlines.

The team was hosted by the Simi Valley Lightning team, who also billeted the boys for four nights. Lane Cove played five games against the top four teams in the Under 11 competition; in addition to Simi Valley, Lane Cove played Conejo Cosmos, West Valley Strikers and Santana Surfs, as well as a representative team from the Long Beach area called The Falcons.

The day after arriving and 20 hours of travel, the boys had to play two matches in the one day. The boys were suffering from jet lag and whilst leading 2-0 at half time, in the first game were beaten 4-2 and then, one hour later, 6-1.

The following day they played Simi Valley where the half time score was 2-2, but again the boys became tired and lost 4-2.

Their next game two days later they won 2-1 against Santana Surfs in an exciting game. They received an invitation to play under lights against The Falcons and on a cold winter evening held The Falcons to 0-0 at half time but lost on two controversial goals — one a penalty in the second half.

Junior Soccer in the USA is of the same standard as in Sydney and Lane Cove hope to be host to the USA team The Falcons during July, 1983.

The Lane Cove team was Marc Boas (captain), Philip Behr, Warren Saunders, Greg Moroney, Gavin Lesnie, Mathew Kimber, Chris Delagney, Antony Petkovic, Andrew Bates, David Kelly, Keiron Poulos and Tony Pejovic; Coach Eddy Boas and Manager Doug Kimby.

KU-RING-GAI YOUTH PREPARATIONS

IN COMMON with many other Associations and clubs, the Ku-ring-gai Association puts a lot of time and effort into its Metropolitan Inter-District and Youth League teams.

All co-ordination of efforts is in the hands of the representative football convenor Phil Rees, and matches at home are set down for Acron Oval, Acron Rd, St Ives.

John Davis and John Glasby handle the under 12 squad. The aim is to see the players develop steadily to enable each lad to improve his skills and technique so that he ultimately matures into a complete footballer in his teenage years.

The under 13 team shows reasonable form and is coached by Harry Tsioukannis and managed by John Morrow.

The U14s, coached by former Ku-ring-gai player Michael James and managed by Ian Hughes, has three Japanese players who are gradually overcoming the language barrier.

The 15s have six new players. Coach Phil Harrington and manager Phil Rees feel that the high morale and work put into training sessions will pay off.

Also trying hard are the 16s, with coach Bruce Cuneo and manager Tony Nicholson in charge.

1983 OFFICE BEARERS

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Summer soccer succeeds

Ku-Ring-Gai District is expecting bumper entries for the six-a-side summer Soccer competition at the end of the year

The Association expects more than 120

teams to enter.

Winners this year were: Men's Div 1, Wahroonga Reds, Div 2 Gladesville, Div 3 Lindfield and Turra Old Boys. U15 went to Kissing Point and U14 to Lindfield Ladies, Mt Colah and Turramurra High.

Macquarie Under 14 who toured England

BACK ROW: Mark Walton (coach); Gavin Parry, Chris Melmeth, Martin Jones, David Aranyi, John Olsen (manager). MIDDLE ROW: Craig Penfold, Mark Emslie, David Moore, John Watson, Ian Bull, Darren MacBeth. FRONT ROW: Anthony Richards, Craig Northey, Dean Yates, Murray King, Chris Brown, George Far- rington.



MACARTHUR'S GREAT START

WHEN Macarthur District Soccer Football Association was being planned one of the main points was to obtain an experienced general secretary.

Fortunately Ross Andrews made himself available. He is a resident of Bargo and had a deal of time as successful secretary of the smaller Highlands in the Bowral-Mittagong-Picton district.

Highlands is still carrying on and is aiming to get back some of the strength that they lost when a couple of clubs were placed in the new Macarthur district, which also took some of the big Southern Districts territory.

The full management committee of the Association is:

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MacReps!

ONE of the most difficult tasks for a new district association to do well in junior Soccer is to excel in the Metropolitan Championships and the NSW Youth League.

Macarthur, covering Campbelltown and surrounding districts, has that task this year.

They have found the going tough in some Youth League grades but the players are learning all the time.

The under 12 representative team in the Metropolitan Championship has an experienced and enthusiastic coach in Danny Himbrechts.

His chosen squad is Joseph Barton, Adam Cryer, Duane Blakely, Graham Doig, Marcello Gonzalez, John Harrison, Paul Hernandez, Darrion Lambert, David Lowe, Jason Niland, Nathan Kowalenko, Peter Preston, Vaughan Reynolds, Dion Shaw, Matthew Spragg and Paul Taylor.

Graeme Brunton is the under 10 coach and Ross Reed the manager.

Their players are John Alexander, Christian Berg, Steven Bissby, David Gaffney, Steven Gassin, Shane Morgan, David Lang, Raymond Kenlita, Chris Navin, Daniel Crowden, Chris Davis and Daniel Reed.

My Favorite Player

You have a favorite star player in the National or State Leagues? Good.

If you are under 16, write to Mark Jankovics c/- AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY and tell us about him.

Marconi's Mark Jankovics is one of the all time top scorers in the National Soccer League and has played for Australia.

He is one of the owners of The Sports Centre at Parramatta Westfield, Carlingford Court and Bankstown Square.

He will award a sports bag of your choice (value \$15) if you are a fortnightly prize winner.

If you are from interstate then your bag will be sent to you.

So write to Mark Jankovics, c/- AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, Box 406, Broadway 2007, and tell us about your favorite star — in not more than six sentences.



"Now when I let go of your foot — I want you to do something that does not come naturally."

NSW "ATTACK" YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 9 MAY 7

U/13 U/14 U/15 U/16

GROUP A

Ku-ring-gai v Central Coast	1-3	1-2	5-1	Def
Blacktown Assn v Auburn	2-0	1-3	0-1	0-1
Granville v Manly	1-4	4-4	4-0	Man.
Melita v St George	0-3	1-1	2-4	0-6
Canterbury, bye				

GROUP B

Southern Dists v Polonia	0-2	3-1	0-0	5-1
Nth Bankstown v Illawarra	0-5	0-9	0-3	0-7
Gladesville v Croatia	2-0	4-1	1-3	3-1
APIA v Sutherland	1-6	0-1	3-1	2-0
Sydney City, bye				

GROUP C

Baulkham Hills v Nepean	0-4	2-1	3-1	0-3
Avala v Marconi	1-1	0-1	0-2	0-3
Sydney Olympic v Macarthur	?	5-1	8-0	6-1
Canterbury-Marr v Bankstown	0-2	1-1	3-0	1-1
Blacktown City, bye				

DEFERRED GAMES

Blacktown City v Macarthur	BC	2-0	2-0	2-0
Manly v St George	0-4	2-2	3-1	3-0
Marconi v Blacktown City				1-0

POINTS

U/13:

GROUP A: St George 17, Central Coast 14, Auburn 11, Blacktown Assn 10, Manly 9, Ku-ring-gai 8, Melita 6, Granville 5, Canterbury 4.

GROUP B: Illawarra 17, Gladesville 13, Sutherland 12, Polonia 12, Southern Dists 8, Croatia 8, APIA 6, Nth Bankstown 5, Sydney City 3.

GROUP C: Sydney Olympic 16, Bankstown 13, Nepean 13, Blacktown City 12, Avala 9, Marconi 7, Canterbury-Marr 6, Baulkham Hills 4.

U/14:

GROUP A: St George 14, Manly 13, Canterbury 13, Auburn 11, Granville 10, Central Coast 9, Ku-ring-gai 6, Melita 5, Blacktown Assn 3.

GROUP B: Southern Dists 18, Sutherland 14, APIA 12, Illawarra 11, Polonia 9, Gladesville 9, Sydney City 6, Croatia 3, Nth Bankstown 2.

GROUP C: Nepean 12, Sydney Olympic 12, Marconi 11, Canterbury-Marr 11, Bankstown 10, Baulkham Hills 9, Blacktown City 9, Macarthur 5, Avala 3.

U/15:

GROUP A: Granville 6, Auburn 4, St George 13, Ku-ring-gai 11, Canterbury 8, Central Coast 7, Manly 5, Blacktown Assn 5, Melita 5.

GROUP B: Illawarra 15, APIA 15, Polonia 13, Sutherland 12, Southern Dists 8, Gladesville 6, Croatia 6, Sydney City 6, Nth Bankstown 3.

GROUP C: Marconi 15, Sydney Olympic 14, Blacktown City 11, Avala 11, Baulkham Hills 9, Nepean 7, Canterbury-Marr 7, Bankstown 4, Macarthur 4.

U/16:

GROUP A: St George 15, Canterbury 13, Auburn 11, Ku-ring-gai 10, Manly 9, Central Coast 9, Blacktown Assn 6, Melita 5.

GROUP B: APIA 16, Illawarra 14, Southern Dists 13, Gladesville 11, Sutherland 10, Sydney City 7, Polonia 4, Nth Bankstown 4, Croatia 3.

GROUP C: Sydney Olympic 15, Marconi 13, Canterbury-Marr 11, Avala 11, Nepean 10, Bankstown 7, Blacktown City 7, Baulkham Hills 5, Macarthur 2.

UNDER 14 STATE CUP

Epping Eastwood 0 v Kingswood 2; Epping YMCA 2 v Blackett United 2.

UNDER 16 STATE CUP

Epping YMCA 7 v Hurlstone Park Wanderers 2.

UNDER 18

Castle Hill 4 v Manly Vale 1; Epping YMCA 2 v Kings Langley.

NSW AMATEUR CUP

FIRST ROUND RESULTS

Punchbowl 2, Normanhurst 1; Georges River 5, English Counties 0; Gwaley Bay 3, Earlwood Wanderers 1; Dolls Pt 2, North Shore Hellas 1; East Bankstown A 3, Cronulla RSL 1; Panania RSL 8, Gynea United 0; Kingswood B 6, Dee Why 0; Engadine Eagles 5, Shandillo Thistles A 1; Sylvania Hts 5, Hurlstone Park Wanderers 0; Como West 13, Bass Hill RSL 0; Canterbury B 5, High Flyer 4; Lilli Pilli 1, Killarney 0; Loftus Rovers 3, Dundas Utd 2; Rockdale Youth 3, Kirrawee 3; Marrickville A 7, Arncliffe Scots 1; Wilhelmina 1, East Bankstown B 0; Canterbury A 3, West Pymble 2; Caringbah Rangers 4, Marrickville B 1; Sans Souci 2, Belmore B 1; Greenacre 3, Granville Waratah 2; Hurstville RSL 6, Pendle Hill 1; Banks City 4, Blackett Utd B 1; Villawood B bye; Terrey Hills bye.

ROBERTSON CUP

Sylvania Hts 3, Pendle Hill C 2; Cronulla Seagulls 2, Granville Kewpies 0; Pendle Hill B 3, Lakemba Sports 2; Lilli Pilli 4, Revesby Lions 3; Como West 7, Dolls Pt 0; Pendle Hill A 8, Enfield Rovers 0; Greenacre 4, Liverpool Sarriors 1; Gwaley Bay 4, Hornsby RSL 1; Gynea 6, Parklea 3.

UNDER 18 STATE CUP

Engadine Eagles 2, St Christophers 1; Macquarie Sports 3, St Ives 1; Pendle Hill A 4, Lindfield 0; Winston Hills 1, Southern Tablelands 1; Dundas United 2, Bankstown Sports 2; Hornsby Heights 2, Pendle Hill B 1; Marrickville 2, North Rocks 1; Rooty Hill RSL 4, Earlwood Wanderers B 0; North Epping Rangers 12, Gynea 0; Panania RSL 5, Earlwood Wanderers A 2; East Bankstown 2, Asquith 2.

UNDER 16 STATE CUP

Mascot 3, Gynea United 2; Chullora 4, Epping-Eastwood 2; North Rocks 3, Panania RSL 0; Kissing Pt 5, Blackett United 0; Forges 1, Engadine Eagles 1; Mt Pritchard 1, Earlwood Wanderers 1; Carlingford Redbacks B won on forfeit; Southern Tablelands won forfeit; Corrimall bye.

UNDER 14 STATE CUP

East Bankstown 8, Bundeena RSL 0; Earlwood Wanderers 3, Bankstown Sports 1; Loftus Rovers 4, Panania RSL B 1; Campbelltown PBC 3, St Josephs 0; Castle Hill Sports 3, Forges 1; Rooty Hill RSL 1, Canterbury 0; Macarthur Dist 2, APIA 1; Engadine Eagles 3, Henry Lawson 0; Cronulla Seagulls 2, Panania RSL A 2, Marrickville bye.

New Caledonia South Pacific Cup

THIS tournament is set to take place in October 1983 in Noumea the capital of New Caledonia. A special invitation is extended by the Ligue Caledonienne de Football and the Office Territorial Du Tourisme to Club, Youth League or other representative teams to play in this tournament. The tournament will be organised on a group basis with the winners of each group through to the final rounds. New Caledonia is only 2½ hours flying time from Australia and a special travel package price is available for clubs interested in participating in this tournament.

The tournament will be an annual event and it is expected that it will develop into a highlight on the Junior Soccer Sporting calendar. The tour also represents a wonderful opportunity for players and supporters end of season trip and especially gives an encouragement and a taste of the type of rewards surrounding overseas travel that are available, if the junior soccer player really wants to dedicate himself to the sport.

Tour leaders are entitled to a reduced price on the cost of the travel package and any interested clubs should contact Roger Wellings of Sportswell Tours and Tournaments on (02) 232 7244 or after hours on (02) 528 4398. Teams from throughout Australia are welcome to enquire. This is a wonderful opportunity and should not be missed. *JE*

YOUNGSTERS' STATE TEAM CHANCES

YOUNG players from each state can be selected to play in the National Junior Championships.

To achieve this you have to be exceptionally good and also have to catch the eye of the coaches who prepare the teams.

This year is the eleventh in which the states have played each other. Whilst many of the championships have been played in major cities,

there has been a tendency to conduct them in country centres, particularly in recent seasons.

So cities such as Bundaberg, Gold Coast, Grafton, Orange, Gosford, Morwell and Mt Isa have had a turn.

In 1976 the titles in under 14 grade were played way up at Nhulunbuy,

way up in the Gulf Country of the Northern Territory.

The tables show the records for the various grades since the titles started in 1973.

If no scores are shown then the championships were played as a round robin competition for that year.

NATIONAL YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP (UNDER 16)

Year	Venue	Winner	Runner-up
1977	Sydney	New South Wales	Northern New South Wales
1978	Brisbane	New South Wales	Victoria
1979	Melbourne	Victoria	Western Australia
1980	Canberra	New South Wales	South Australia
1981	Canberra	South Australia	Queensland
1982	Canberra	Queensland	New South Wales

NATIONAL UNDER 15 CHAMPIONSHIP

Year	Venue	Winner	Runner-up
1973	Melbourne	Victoria	Queensland
1974	Adelaide	New South Wales	Northern N.S.W.
1975	Perth	Northern N.S.W.	Western Australia
1976	Gold Coast	Northern N.S.W.	Victoria
1977	Hobart	Victoria	Western Australia
1978	Gosford (N.S.W.)	Northern N.S.W.	South Australia
1979	Perth	New South Wales	Queensland
1980	Melbourne	New South Wales	Victoria
1981	Perth	Western Australia	South Australia
1982	Melbourne	New South Wales	Victoria

NATIONAL UNDER 14 CHAMPIONSHIP

Year	Venue	Winner	Runner-up
1973	Hobart	New South Wales	Northern N.S.W.
1974	Hobart	New South Wales	Northern N.S.W.
1975	Canberra	Western Australia	Northern N.S.W.
1976	Nhulunbuy	Western Australia	Victoria
1977	Sydney	Victoria	South Australia
1978	Morwell (Vic)	New South Wales	Victoria
1979	Whyalla	Victoria	South Australia
1980	Canberra	Victoria	Queensland
1981	Mount Isa	Victoria	New South Wales
1982	Adelaide	South Australia	South Australia

NATIONAL UNDER 13 CHAMPIONSHIP

Year	Venue	Winner	Runner-up
1973	Orange	New South Wales	Victoria
1974	Perth	Western Australia	New South Wales
1975	Grafton	Western Australia	South Australia
1976	Adelaide	New South Wales	Northern N.S.W.
1977	Sydney	New South Wales	South Australia
1978	Brisbane	New South Wales	South Australia
1979	Bundaberg	New South Wales	Victoria
1980	Newcastle	New South Wales	Victoria
1981	Darwin	Victoria	New South Wales
1982	Tasmania	Western Australia	Victoria

NATIONAL UNDER 12 CHAMPIONSHIP

Year	Venue	Winner	Runner-up
1973	Newcastle	New South Wales	Northern N.S.W.
1974	Canberra	New South Wales	Northern N.S.W.
1975	Gosford	Western Australia	Northern N.S.W.
1976	Melbourne	New South Wales	South Australia
1977	Perth	New South Wales	South Australia
1978	Hobart	Northern N.S.W.	South Australia
1979	Alice Springs	New South Wales	Western Australia
1980	Discontinued		

BRISBANE LIONS last week announced a \$25,000 sponsorship by KLM Royal Dutch Airlines.

The sponsorship is a major break-through for the club and the result of weeks of intensive work by committee man Hans Strik.

The club made the announcement at a breakfast function on the rooftop of a major city hotel with the guests including the Queensland Minister for Sport, Tony Elliott.

\$14,500 raised
from
Lamington
drives!

IT COSTS money to travel to England to play in the Ipswich Town International Youth Tournament.

After we accepted the invitation the squad of 16 under 14 players, manager, coach and parents undertook the task of raising the funds to travel there via Malaysia.

Lamington drives were the big winner, and we pulled in \$14,500 from his source alone.

Our other fund raisers were donations, raffles, bucket brigades, beer bonanzas, white elephant stalls, a bowls and a fashion parade.

It all proved worthwhile as the team performed extremely well both in England and Malaysia.

There was a great contrast in weather conditions from the 40° Celsius heat of Malaysia to 1° in England.

Over the entire tour we played 18 matches, winning 14, drawing 2 and losing 2.

The games in Malaysia were played on hard grounds. Their boys are very clever ball players but they don't have the know-how to put it all together. We won all three games there.

Three games were won in London and we lost one 4-0 to an under 15 side. All were played in wet and cold conditions.

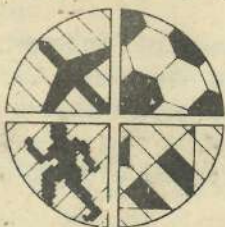
We headed off to Shotley for the Ipswich Cup where we played five games and were only beaten 1-0 in the final. We scored 14 goals to one against.

Then we played six more games winning four and drawing two throughout England.

We felt the English boys were very good ball players but so often they lacked the up-front know how to score goals.

— John Olsen.

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HOLLAND's LEGEND FOR LIONS

Legendary Johann Cruyff, has been approached by Queensland's NSL Lions club to play for them this year.



JOHANN CRUYFF, Super-Star

HAMBURG INJURY PROBLEM

WEST GERMAN World Cup midfielder Felix Magath could miss Hamburg's European Cup Final against Italy's Juventus in Athens on May 25 through injury.

Magath tore a muscle in Hamburg's 2-1 win over Hertha Berlin.

Magath has two weeks to get fit for the final.

"I hope I won't be out long," he said. "I'll try to be in Athens."

Jim Hartwig has already been ruled out of

the final through suspension.

Hamburg will miss Magath, as they fight for the first division title. With four games to play, they top the table from Werder Bremen but only on goal difference.

Lions are very keen to bring out Cruyff for a six week stint with them and already have lined up sponsors to help finance the exercise.

KLM Airways and Brisbane travel firm, Coronet Travel, have granted Lions \$25,000.

KLM's Queensland manager, Mr Rick Coles, stated: "We are renewing an old friendship with Lions."

"We sponsored the club almost 10 years ago but after a mutual parting, I'm most delighted to say we're back together again."

The low lying Lions, will welcome Cruyff's presence as it will give them an enormous boost.

Lions Director, Mr Hans Strik, told the press: "Cruyff wants to come to Australia and set up a sportswear factory in Sydney for his sports company. So we are trying to get him to come north to play Soccer while he is here."

The 34 year old super World Cup star was voted three times Player Of The Year in Europe.

If the Dutch star eventually accepts Lions offer, he is expected to arrive in July to turn out for the Queenslanders.



AS ROMA

FANS

GO WILD

ROME'S Soccer fans went wild on Sunday night as they celebrated AS Roma's clinching of the first division championship in Italy.

Roma could only draw 1-1 against Genoa but that was enough to keep them three points ahead of Juventus with only one game to go.

The streets of Rome were filled with flag-waving fans and the blaring of car horns.

It was just like Madrid last July when Italy beat West Germany to win the World Cup.

Juventus beat Cagliari 2-1, with goals from imports Platini and Boniek, but can now only finish runners-up.

In Holland, Ajax Amsterdam again won the championship with a 4-1 away victory over Helmond Sport.

Ajax are four points ahead of Feyenoord of Rotterdam and cannot be caught.

This was Ajax's 21st ti-



Michel Platini

tle success. But in Italy, it has been a long drought for AS Roma who have not been champions since 1942.

GERETS FOR A.C. MILAN

A.C. MILAN, having gained promotion to the Italian first division, are wasting no time strengthening their side. At the weekend, they signed Belgium's World Cup captain, Eric Gerets — a deal which cost Milan around \$1,000,000 in transfer fee and wages.

MARADONA SCORES

DIEGO MARADONA scored Barcelona's second goal in their 2-0 victory over Real Sociedad in the Spanish Cup semi-final first leg. Barcelona's other goal came from Victor Munoz. The game was played in the Nou Camp stadium scene of the opening match in last year's World Cup.

SAO PAULO GO DOWN

SAO PAULO are out of the Brazilian Championship, having lost 1-0 to Atletico Parana in the second leg of the quarter finals. Sao Paulo also lost the first leg 2-1, so Atletico had a 3-1 aggregate victory.

In other Brazilian championship matches, there was a huge crowd at Maracana in Rio to see Flamengo beat Vasco Da Gama 2-1 in a quarter final first leg. The two Rio rivals attracted 120,000 spectators.

Julio Cesar scored the winning goal.

Santos drew 0-0 at Goias in the first leg, but missed a penalty kick. There was another 0-0 result in the match between Sport Recife and Atletico Mineiro.



AUSTRIA	
Aus Wien - K'furt	1-0
Salzburg - Lask	4-1
SSW Innsbruck - S'ring	1-0
Neusiedl - Rapid	2-1
St Graz - Vienna	2-1
Ad Wacker - Gak	0-0
Vo Linz - E'stadt	1-1
Wiener SC - Un Wels	3-0
Rapid 35 pts., Austria Wien 34, SSW Innsbruck 30, Sturm Graz 28, Austria Salzburg 27.	

EAST GERMANY	
Un Berlin - Wis Aue	0-0
H Rostock - Lok L'zig	2-0
S'ring Z - Dy D'den	1-3
Z Jena - R-W Erfurt	6-0
V'waerts F/O - M'burg	2-1
K-M Stadt - Ch Halle	0-0
Ch Boehlen - Dy Berlin	2-9
Dynamo Berlin 41 pts., Carl Zeiss Jena 31, Vorwaerts Frankfurt/Oder 30, Lok Leipzig 28, Dynamo Dresden 27.	

FRANCE	
Monaco - Nantes	2-2
Auxerre - Bordeaux	2-2
Toulouse - Paris SG	2-1
Rouen - Lens	1-1
S'bourg - Laval	1-2
S Etienne - Nancy	3-4
Lille - Brest	4-0
Metz - Lyon	4-1
Sochaux - Bastia	2-1
Tours - M'house	1-0

HOLLAND	
F Sittard - Go Ahead	1-1
Hel Sp - Ajax	1-4
N'oord - Haarlem	3-1
Utrecht - NAC Breda	2-3
Willem II - Ex R'dam	3-1
AZ '67 - Sp R'dam	0-1
Kerkrade - PSV	1-2
Zwolle - Nijmegen	1-0
Groningen - Twente	6-1

W	D	L	F	A	P
Ajax	25	6	2	100	36
Feyenoord	21	10	2	69	37
PSV E	20	9	4	79	34
Groningen	11	15	7	66	54
Sp R'dam	11	13	9	61	52

ITALY	
Avellino - C'zaro	4-0
Cagliari - Juventus	1-2
Cesena - Ascoli	1-1
F'ina - S'doria	3-1
Genoa - Roma	1-1
Inter - Udinese	1-1
Torino - Pisa	0-2
Verona - Napoli	0-0

W	D	L	F	A	P
Roma	15	11	3	44	23
Juventus	14	10	5	48	25
Inter	10	15	4	39	25
Verona	11	12	6	35	29
F'ina	12	9	8	36	25
Udinese	6	19	4	24	28

BELGIUM	
Antwerp - FC Bruges	6-0
Lierse - St Liege	0-1
W'slag - Waregem	0-0
Molenbeek - Lokeren	0-0
Courtrai - Seraing	3-1
Ghent - W'schel	4-2
CS Bruges - B'schot	2-2
FC Liege - Tongres	2-1

W	D	L	F	A	P
St Liege	20	6	5	72	31
A'lecht	19	7	4	71	31
Antwerp	19	5	7	53	29
Ghent	15	10	6	51	39
FC Bruges	15	8	8	50	46

PORTUGAL	
CUP FINALS	
Benfica - P'monense	2-0
Oporto - AC Coimbra	9-1

WEST GERMANY	
Her Berlin - Hamburg	1
D'dorf - B'wick	5-
S'gart - B M'bach	3-2
N'berg - L'kusen	0-1
W Bremen - K'ruhe	3-0
Cologne - Bay Mun	2-0
K'lautern - Bochum	1-0
Dortmund - E F'furt	4-1
Schalke - B'feld	5-0
Hamburg 45 pts., Werder Bremen 45, Bayern Munich 41, Stuttgart 40, Cologne 39, Kaiserslautern 38.	

SWITZERLAND	
Basle - Xamax	0-4
Bulle - S Gallen	0-5
S'anne - B'zohä	1-1
Lucerne - Aarau	2-1
Sion - S'vette	1-1
W'gen - W'thur	3-2
Young Boys - Vevey	1-1
Zurich - G'hoppers	2-3

W	D	L	F	A	P
G'hoppers	19	1	4	70	26
Servette	18	3	3	49	17
S Gallen	14	3	7	55	28
Lausanne	12	5	7	42	25
Zurich	13	3	8	44	33

SPAIN	
Celta - Espanol	3-2
Betis - Malaga	1-0
Racing - Valencia	1-0
S'manca - At Madrid	0-0
Zaragoza - Sevilla	2-1
Bilbao - Osasuna	1-1
L Palmas - V'dolid	4-1

YUGOSLAVIA	
B Titograd - D Zagreb	2-0
Partizan - Zel S'jevo	2-1
Var Skop - Sl Tuzla	1-0
Rijeka - V'vodina	0-0
Sarajevo - G Zemun	2-0
Osijek - Ofk	2-3
V Mostar - Rad Nis	1-1
Red Star - Oli L'jana	1-1
Hajduk - Di V'kovci	4-2

W	D	L	F	A	P
Partizan	15	8	4	48	27
Di Zagreb	12	11	4	48	31
Hajduk	10	13	4	39	27
Red Star	11	10	6	47	39
Radnicki	11	8	8	34	30
Sarajevo	10	9	8	40	33

HUNGARY	
F'aros - Ujpest	2-1
Pecs - M'k VM	1-1
Honved - Vasas	2-0
Debrecen - N'haza	0-0
S'thely - T'banya	0-2
Rab Eto - B'csaba	5-1
Z'szeg - Csepel	0-0
Videoton - Diosgyor	1-1

W	D	L	F	A	P
Rab Eto	15	4	5	61	28
F'aros	15	3	6	59	38
Honved	14	5	4	48	26
Csepel	18	10	4	38	31
Ujpest	11	6	7	38	28

POLAND	
G Warsaw - Legia	1-2
Zag So'wicz - Wis Krakow	1-0
Stal Miel - Lks Lodz	1-1
Bal Gdynia - Lech Poz	1-1
Wid Lodz - Sz Bytom	2-2
Cr Krakow - Gks K'wice	0-0
R Chorzow - Sl Wroclaw	2-0
P Szczecin - Gor Zab	1-0

W	D	L	F	A	P
Szczecin	10	8	5	36	19
Ru Chorzow	10	8	5	28	16
Lech Poznan	12	4	7	31	22
Wid Lodz	8	11	4	34	28
Leg Warsaw	9	6	8	33	24

US LEAGUE SPLIT

COMPILED BY JOHN ECONOMOS

THE North American Soccer League has been divided into three sections: Eastern, Southern and Western Divisions.

Each Division has four teams.

Eastern comprises Chicago Sting, Montreal, Toronto and the New York Cosmos.

Southern is made up of Fort Lauderdale, Tampa Bay Rowdies, Team America and Tulsa.

Western has San Diego, Seattle, Vancouver and Golden Bay (formerly San Jose).

Montreal, due to become Team Canada in 1984 with Canadian players only, has had trouble signing new stars just for a one-year stay.

But one interesting newcomer is Medhi Cerbah, who kept goal for Algeria in the World Cup in Spain.

You have to hand it to the Yanks for trying new ideas in the promotion of Soccer.

This year, a side called Team America, is operating in the North American Soccer League.

This is virtually the United States' national squad and it is based in the capital Washington.

Team America does not

own the players. They are on loan from all the other NASL clubs, but their contracts are being honoured by the new club.

By the way, Team America is being coached by Alketas Panagoulis, the former boss of the Greek national team.

Cosmos chase Falcao

WILL the crack Italian outfit A.S Roma be able to retain the services of their brilliant Brazilian Falcao?

The New York Cosmos make no secret of the fact that they are keen to buy Falcao.

He is the only foreign star that Cosmos are chasing.

Roma would demand a transfer fee of \$3,000,000 and that doesn't take into account the huge contract the player would want.

Julio Mazzei, coach of Cosmos, isn't afraid of outlaying such huge sums of money.

"Falcao would be worth it. He's one of the top 10 players in the world today," Mazzei said.

BILBAO FIRST

A CRUSHING 5-1 win in Las Palmas gave Athletic Bilbao the Spanish Soccer title for the first time in 26 years.

Arch rivals, Real Madrid, championship leaders for the last three games, crashed 0-1 to bottom placed Valencia and the defeat cost them the title.

It was World Cup defender Miguel Tendillo's goal which ended Real's hopes with a 38th minute goal.

DANISH REVENGE

AFTER holding England to a goalless draw at Wembley in the European Championship Group Three match, Greece almost pulled off another draw against Denmark in Copenhagen.

But in the 77th minute, Soeren Busk, unlocked Greece's stubborn defence with a goal that gave Denmark victory.

The Greeks had demonstrated sterling defensive qualities at Wembley and looked set to steal another unlikely point until Busk slipped his marker to head home John Lauridsen's corner kick.

The Danes were eager to avenge the 1-0 home defeat the Greeks inflicted on them in a World Cup qualifier in 1980.

Denmark's West German coach, Sepp Piontek, had taken the lesson from the England game where the Englishmen became frustrated and launched furious attacks on the Greeks.

Instead, Piontek blue-printed a thoughtful, methodical progress towards the Greek goal.

But even though the Danes seemed to have continual possession, they looked vulnerable to Greek breakaways that caused havoc to the home defence.

The match was played on a heavy track which affected both teams' well-intentioned efforts.

MACARI MAKES MONEY

You don't have to be a regular first team player to make very big money with some of the glamour clubs.

Take the case of Lou Macari of Manchester United. Lou spends most match days on the substitute's bench now, but he still expects to collect a huge testimonial payment. It is estimated that the figure will go close to \$200,000. Not bad for 10 years loyal service from the Scottish international.



BORO KEEP BIG MAL

Controversial football boss Malcolm Allison has turned down one of the best coaching jobs in the world to stay in England with second division Middlesbrough.

Allison was wanted by

BEST WAS BLESSED BY THE GODS

The latest George Best comeback has inspired a few literary gems from the football

writers in Fleet Street — some of the comments being far from flattering.

One writer commented: "Signing George Best is the first resort of any club bereft of initiative."

Patrick Collins, in the Mail on Sunday, described Best as "a man on the brink of middle age who once took his talent from the gods." How true.

It is rather sad to see so

many people writing in patronising terms about one of the most gifted players football has ever seen. Were there more players with the remarkable skills of George Best, you can be sure Soccer would not now be struggling to survive in many countries.

All of which emphasises what a sinful waste of talent is embodied in the frame of Irishman Best. He could have reached undreamed-of heights if he had known how to handle fame.



ARSENAL GO FOR SEXTON

Arsenal are looking for a successor to first team coach Don Howe, who is expected to go full-time with the English international squad as assistant to Bobby Robson.

There is no doubt Robson would like Howe as his understudy but Howe will not be allowed to leave Arsenal without the Gunners trying to keep him.

In fact, Arsenal have already offered this outstanding coach a new three-year contract which, obviously, would include a pay rise.

The betting is, though, that Howe will prefer the lure of the international arena — free from the constant problems of club football.

That's why many people

are already nominating the man most likely to join the Highbury staff as successor to Howe.

Our tip is that Dave Sexton, currently manager of Coventry City, is top of the list.

Sexton has had much success as a coach, although some critics doubt his ability as a manager. Possibly as a number two man, rather than number one, he would be the perfect answer for an Arsenal side which has fallen out of favour with hard-to-please London fans.

MIKE TAKES THE MICKY

Ever since anyone can remember, there has been keen, sometimes bitter, rivalry between the two Manchester clubs, City and United.

Before the second world war, City were the glamour club with United often struggling to make ends meet.

All that was changed during the magnificent Matt Busby days, and even since Sir Matt retired. Who would doubt that United are THE Manchester team now?

Now the keen rivalry between the clubs has been rekindled by comments from former England winger Mike Summerbee.

Summerbee commented that he doesn't feel happy at Maine Road and would much rather go to Old Trafford. He added that his son is a red-hot United fan.

Considering that Summerbee used to play for City, his opinions will not win him any friends at Maine Road.

Stoke City, having lost international centre-half Dave Watson to Vancouver Whitecaps in Canada, are in a hurry to replace the big fellow with a defender of similar ability.

The man they have their eye on is Martin Buchan, long-serving former skipper of Manchester United.

UK SOCCER SCENE

BRAVE EXPERIMENT THAT FAILED

The Allan Simonsen era at Charlton Athletic ended with a lot of Charlton folk saying the signing of the Danish wizard from Barcelona was a major disaster.

Certainly it did not achieve its main aim, bringing big crowds into the Valley ground.

Simonsen did his stuff all right, playing well during his short stay with Charlton. But that didn't persuade the fans in south-east London to get the rust out of the Valley turnstiles.

In fact, this former European "footballer of the year" turned out only 17 times for Charlton before returning to his native land where he signed as a part-time player for his home town club, Vejle.

"We don't want any more superstars here," said a disappointed Charlton manager, Lenny Lawrence.

Nottingham Forest were quoted a transfer fee of \$400,000 to sign Leeds United goalkeeper John Lukic — but Forest manager Brian Clough refused to pay, calling the fee "silly."

Clough was the first British manager to pay a million pounds transfer fee when he bought Trevor Francis.

Plenty of people also called that "silly."



UK Soccer tables

ENGLISH DIV 1										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	HOME goals	AWAY goals	Pts	
Liverpool	41	16	4	1	55	16	8	6	31	82
Wolverhampton	41	15	2	3	47	19	6	3	12	57
Man Utd	39	13	7	0	36	10	5	6	8	45
Notm For	41	12	5	4	34	18	5	4	9	35
Aston Villa	41	16	2	2	45	14	4	3	14	35
Everton	41	13	5	2	42	18	5	4	12	29
Tottenham	40	13	4	2	44	14	5	5	11	35
West Ham	40	13	3	4	40	20	6	1	13	37
Ipswich	41	11	3	7	39	23	4	9	7	24
Southampton	41	11	5	4	36	21	4	7	10	36
Stoke	41	13	4	4	34	21	3	5	12	39
WBA	41	11	5	5	35	20	3	5	10	15
Arsenal	40	11	6	4	36	19	4	4	11	38
Norwich	41	9	6	5	28	17	4	6	11	22
Sunderland	41	11	4	4	29	21	3	5	12	38
Hull City	41	11	4	5	34	23	3	5	10	15
Coventry	41	10	5	5	27	13	3	4	14	19
Birmingham	41	9	7	5	29	24	2	7	10	31
Man City	41	9	5	6	26	22	4	3	14	21
Luton	40	7	7	7	34	33	4	6	9	30
Swansea	41	10	4	6	32	26	0	7	14	19
Brighton	41	8	7	6	25	22	1	6	13	12

ENGLISH DIV 2										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	HOME goals	AWAY goals	Pts	
QPR	40	16	3	2	51	16	10	3	6	24
Wolves	41	14	4	2	40	14	6	10	5	26
Leicester	41	11	3	3	36	15	9	6	9	26
Fulham	41	13	5	3	36	20	7	4	9	26
Newcastle	41	13	6	2	43	21	5	6	9	30
Sheff Wed	41	8	8	4	31	22	7	7	7	27
Leeds Utd	41	7	10	3	26	20	6	7	7	24
Shrewsbury	41	8	9	4	20	14	7	5	8	24
Oldham	41	8	10	3	38	24	5	9	6	22
Barnsley	41	9	8	4	37	28	5	6	9	19
Blackburn	41	10	7	3	37	21	5	6	12	20
Cambridge	41	11	7	2	25	13	2	5	14	16
Carlisle	41	10	5	5	43	27	2	6	13	24
Chelsea	41	8	7	5	31	22	3	9	12	20
Derby City	41	6	10	4	26	24	3	9	9	22
Grimsby	41	9	6	5	31	25	3	4	14	13
Crystal Pal	39	10	7	3	30	17	1	5	13	11
Charlton	41	10	3	7	36	30	2	6	13	23
Bolton	41	10	2	9	30	26	1	9	10	11
Middlesbrough	40	7	7	6	25	29	3	7	10	15
Rotherham	41	6	7	8	22	29	4	7	9	21
Burnley	39	9	4	7	36	23	2	3	14	18

ENGLISH DIV 3										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	HOME goals	AWAY goals	Pts	
QPR	40	16	3	2	51	16	10	3	6	24
Wolves	41	14	4	2	40	14	6	10	5	26
Leicester	41	11	3	3	36	15	9	6	9	26
Fulham	41	13	5	3	36	20	7	4	9	26
Newcastle	41	13	6	2	43	21	5	6	9	30
Sheff Wed	41	8	8	4	31	22	7	7	7	27
Leeds Utd	41	7	10	3	26	20	6	7	7	24
Shrewsbury	41	8	9	4	20	14	7	5	8	24
Oldham	41	8	10	3	38	24	5	9	6	22
Barnsley	41	9	8	4	37	28	5	6	9	19
Blackburn	41	10	7	3	37	21	5	6	12	20
Cambridge	41	11	7	2	25	13	2	5	14	16
Carlisle	41	10	5	5	43	27	2	6	13	24
Chelsea	41	8	7	5	31	22	3	9	12	20
Derby City	41	6	10	4	26	24	3	9	9	22
Grimsby	41	9	6	5	31	25	3	4	14	13
Crystal Pal	39	10	7	3	30	17	1	5	13	11
Charlton	41	10	3	7	36	30	2	6	13	23
Bolton	41	10	2	9	30	26	1	9	10	11
Middlesbrough	40	7	7	6	25	29	3	7	10	15
Rotherham	41	6	7	8	22	29	4	7	9	21
Burnley	39	9	4	7	36	23	2	3	14	18

ENGLISH DIV 4										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	HOME goals	AWAY goals	Pts	
Wimbledon	44	17	4	2	57	23	11	6	4	35
Port Vale	44	15	4	2	36	13	11	6	4	35
Hull	44	14	8	2	48	14	10	7	5	24
Bury	44	15	4	3	42	17	9	7	7	30
Colchester	44	16	5	1	50	19	7	4	12	24
Scunthorpe	44	13	7	3	41	17	8	7	6	27
York	44	18	4	1	59	19	3	9	10	26
Swindon	44	13	6	4	38	23	3	7	11	15
Torquay	44	12	3	7	38	29	5	4	13	18
Mansfield	44	10	6	6	28	25	5	7	11	29
Halifax	44	16	7	6	29	22	7	4	12	28
Bristol C	45	10	8	5	32	26	3	9	10	27
Stockport	45	11	8	4	41	31	3	4	15	19
Chesham	44	8	6	8	27	22	6	5	11	26
Aldershot	45	11	5	7	22	24	1	10	11	20
Darlington	44	7	5	9	22	24	1	8	10	34
Blackpool	45	10	8	4	31	21	3	4	16	23
Northampton	44	10	8	5	43	29	2	4	15	15
Rochdale	44	11	8	3	37	22	0	7	15	18
Tranmere	43	8	7	2	29	28	4	3	15	18
Hartlepool	45	11	5	7	30	24	1	4	17	14
Crewa	45	9	5	8	35	31	2	3	18	18
Hereford	45	8	6	8	19	22	3	2	18	23

SCOTTISH PREM DIV										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	HOME goals	AWAY goals	Pts	
Dundee Utd	35	13	4	1	57	18	10	4	3	31
Celtic	35	12	3	3	44	18	12	2	3	42
Aberdeen	35	13	0	4	41	12	11	5	2	30
Rangers	35	9	6	2	30	12	4	6	8	20
St Mirren	34	7	5	5	28	17	2	8	15	33
Dundee	34	8	3	6	28	26	1	8	12	23
Hibernian	35	3	11	4	21	17	4	4	9	14
Motherwell	35	9	3	6	28	27	2	1	14	10
Morton	35	4	4	9	14	24	2	4	12	16
Kilmarnock	35	3	6	8	16	30	0	4	14	11

SCOTTISH DIV 1										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	HOME goals	AWAY goals	Pts	
St Johnstone	38	16	1	2	33	10	9	6	4	33
Hearts	38	12	4	3	44	20	8	6	4	33
Clydebank	38	8	5	5	31	25	12	5	3	40
Partick	38	9	6	4	31	23	10	3	6	33
Airdrie	38	7	3	8	27	26	9	4	7	35
Alloa	38	7	5	3	31	21	5	4	9	20
Falkirk	37	8	2	8	19	20	7	3	9	23
Hamilton	38	7	6	7	27	32	4			